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## Reagan Names USOC Attorney To Federal Court

Attorney Who Fought Gay Games Recommended by Sen. Wilson

by Will Snyder

San Francisco's lesbian and gay community reacted with anger this past weekend after learning of Pres. Ronald Reagan's nomination of Vaughn R. Walker to be a judge on the U.S. District Court in San Francisco. Walker, a 43-year-old attorney with Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, represented the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) in its successful attempt to keep the Gay Games from using the word "Olympic."

Reagan nominated Walker after the attorney was recommended by U.S. Sen. Pete Wilson, a Republican who will be seeking reelection next year.

Word spread rapidly through the gay and lesbian legal commu-

nity after news of the Reagan nomination appeared in Saturday's San Francisco Chronicle. One gay attorney had hostile words for both Reagan and Wilson.

"I think this appointment is

an intentional assault on our community," said attorney John Wahl. "This is part of the Reagan Administration's attempt to leave our country with a biased, right-wing style of judge who will be with the country for at

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## New Militancy Rises In Vigil

Arrests Continue At Fed. Bldg.; Call For Massive Protest

by Allen White

Federal police are continuing to arrest participants in the ARC/AIDS Vigil who chain themselves to the door of the old Federal Building in United Nations Plaza. At least two dozen have been arrested so far. But the arrests have sparked a new determination by the Vigilers. One stated that efforts should begin to stage a massive protest at the site early next year.

"I personally believe that by Feb. 1 we should build support for closing the Federal building down for at least one day. I believe it should happen and I believe it is overdue," said John Belskus. "I would be in favor of

a large non-violent protest that would close down this building for one day," he added.

According to Belskus, "The Vigil went through a long dormant period. It came from a

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### 1987 In Review

## Britt's Run For Congress Raises Gay Clout

by Will Snyder

Only two months before the start of 1987, California's lesbian and gay communities won a great victory. We united with reasonable straights throughout the state to score an easy victory at the polls over Lyndon LaRouche and his AIDS quarantine plan known as Prop. 64. When 1987 arrived, we wanted to start a Road To Recovery.

But 1987 was a tough year. America's conservatives, much like the Luftwaffe over London four decades ago, continued with their never-ending bombardment of human rights.

We lost the "Gay Olympics" case to a conservative United States Supreme Court. We were cheering when Pres. Ronald Reagan announced the formation of an AIDS commission to fight the disease. But the cheers

turned to jeers when we found out the "commission" was packed with conservative ideologues. And, while Reagan appointed cronies and robots, the AIDS death toll continued.

However, there were some triumphs. We joined with progressives everywhere to block Reagan's Supreme Court nomination of a regressive, Judge Robert Bork.

Here are some of the highs and

lows of 1987:

### JANUARY: BYE, BYE JOSE

The plans were to get the year off on a different kind of foot. We were thinking of a small dash of Jules Verne or L. Frank Baum and a large dose of Jose Sarria.

Sarria, known lovingly as The Widow Norton, the mother of the gay community, decided to retire to Phoenix, where his memoirs were waiting. His plan was to

leave the city in a hot air balloon.

It was a nice plan, but stormy weather temporarily foiled Jose's style. He made it to Arizona, but he also returned on occasion to San Francisco for visits. Thank God.

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We focused in on bigotry against us while a Canadian province helped us reflect further

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### Today

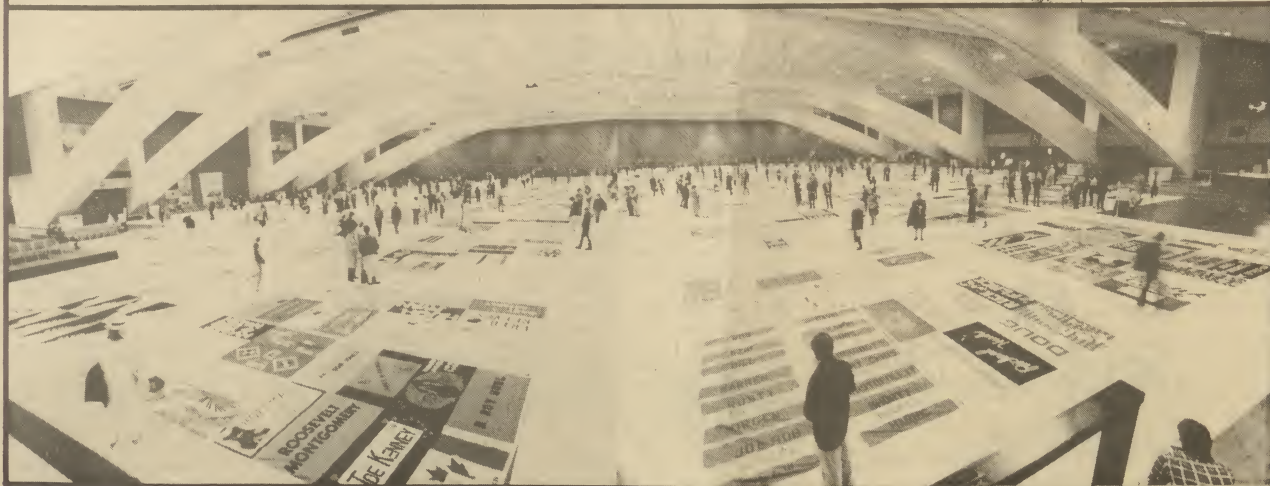
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John Belkus at the vigil

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## Vigil

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standoff that lasted for two years and two months. I think that you don't have the community energy that existed when the Vigil started." He noted that during the first winter, people brought down food and churches sent Christmas carolers to the site. None of that has appeared this year.

"We now feel that by involving community groups in this type of action over the next several weeks we will make a significant statement to the federal government," he said. He outlined that the next step is to involve more of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community and to go outside that community to union groups and religious groups to come down to chain themselves to the door.

"We have commitments from the Community Health Coalition which represents the Grey Panthers, the California Association of Physicians, the Congress of Older Citizens and also includes such groups as the California Nurses Association," said Belkus. He explained that individuals from these groups have stated they will send people down to be arrested.

"I think if we build some community solidarity then we can

build for a larger demonstration," he said.

Belkus, one of the first people to be arrested, said, "We have had 20 people arrested as of Dec. 19. The arrests are occurring at noon, Monday through Friday. The police have been business-like and polite."

Several of those arrested at the ARC/AIDS Vigil will spend their Christmas Eve and morning in court. Many of those first arrested will appear and they say they will plead not guilty. It is another of several steps to confront the federal government for their slowness in the fight against AIDS.

This past weekend the main entrance of the Federal Building bore witness to the arrest procedure. At the guard desk there are two bolt cutters and a box of rubber gloves. The rubber gloves are used because the guards don't believe the people in the building they patrol. The gloves are, they think a caution against catching AIDS.

The rubber gloves have become a symbol of the hypocrisy shown by the federal government regarding AIDS. Several of those arrested have chosen to wear rubber gloves as a sign of protest.

### REKINDLED FIRE

Eric Lewald was arrested last

Friday. He became the 20th person to be arrested at the ARCAIDS Vigil. After chaining himself to the door, federal police came out with bolt cutters. They cut the chains, took him inside and cited him. The fine is \$25.

Lewald is to appear Jan. 21 at the main Federal Building on Golden Gate Avenue. "Arresting us is not going to get rid of us. The Vigil for the last couple of months has not been what it was set up to do. The arrests have rekindled the fires and they should continue," he said.

About his arrest, he said "About what I did, I'm not guilty. The people who are guilty work in this building. Their boss is guilty, the President of the United States. If anyone should be fined for lack of federal responsibility to the public at large it should be the President. I would like to see demonstrations like this happening at federal buildings all over the United States."

Arrests have been continuing for almost two weeks when the federal police took down the chains, beds and everything having to do with the vigil on federal property. In effect, they have now successfully stopped the protest on federal property. The protest began Oct. 27, 1985 when two people chained themselves to the doors of the building. ●

## Judge

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least the next 20 years."

Wahl was particularly bitter about the Wilson recommendation of Walker. Wilson came under heavy attack from lesbian and gay leaders for backing the unsuccessful Reagan nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court this past fall.

"That Pete Wilson does this added evidence of where he's coming from," said Wahl. "Anyone who says that Pete Wilson is 'a friendly Republican' after nominating this homophobic lawyer just doesn't know Pete Wilson."

Wilson had made overtures to the gay and lesbian community in November 1986 when he promised to support a national gay rights antidiscrimination bill. While facing tough reelection prospects, particularly after receiving heavy criticism from arch-conservatives, Wilson reneged on his promise to the lesbian and gay community earlier this year. Wahl feels the recommendation of Walker as well as his support for Bork will hurt California's junior senator.

"Pete Wilson cannot be re-elected," said Wahl, "if he openly affronts our community."

The veteran attorney added that gays and lesbians should have allies if they publicly oppose the nomination of Walker. Walker also represented the National Rifle Association in its 1982 opposition to Mayor Dianne Feinstein's proposed ban on handguns. "Not only is he no friend of the gay, lesbian and bisexual movements," said Wahl, "but he's also no friend of the women's movement or those who favor freedom of reproductive rights."

Wahl urged a massive protest by gay and lesbian people against Walker. One gay representative Roberto Estevez, president of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, said, "If there's a demonstration, we'll be there."

Wahl noted that protests would be important because the U.S. Senate, which must confirm all judiciary nominations, rarely turns down a nomination after screening the candidate. "We must let not only Wilson know we are angry," said Wahl, "but we must also get our opinions out to other members of the Senate, people like Cranston (Sen. Alan Cranston), Biden (Sen. Joseph Biden, D-DeL.), chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and (Sen. Edward Kennedy)." When contacted by Bay Area

Reporter about the Walker nomination, a White House spokesperson read from a news release which indicated that Walker, if approved by the Senate, "would succeed Judge Spencer P. Williams, who was appointed by Pres. Richard Nixon. However, Mary Bogdovich, secretary for Williams, said the 65-year-old judge merely is going to have a lighter caseload. "He is by no means, retiring," said Bogdovich.

"The senator has a committee of screeners and they gave Mr. Walker their highest rating," said Bob Hudson, director of public affairs for Wilson. "They based their recommendation on Mr. Walker's legal ability."

Hudson defended Walker for working on the USOC-Gay Olympics case. "This was a trademark dispute, not a gay rights dispute," Walker said. "We're going to be setting a whole new precedent for how people are picked for District Court appointments."

Victoria Lion, a spokesperson in Cranston's Washington office, told Bay Area Reporter that the Democratic senator hasn't received any official notification of the nomination of Walker.

Walker had not returned Bay Area Reporter's phone calls at press time. ●



# Christmas Cheer, New Year Blow Outs Fill the Holidays

by Allen White

The parties, the concerts and the many other activities continue as San Francisco's gay community celebrates Christmas and plans for a round of New Year's Eve soirees. Sylvester and Tremaine Hawkins have a special holiday treat tonight (Wednesday, Dec. 23) with a gospel musical event at the I-Beam. The show starts at 10 p.m. Call 668-6023 for more information.

The gay community has built some enduring Christmas Eve events. The annual San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus Christmas Eve concert begins at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Post and Mason Streets. The cost is \$8 at the door.

Also becoming a tradition is the Midnight Christmas Eve Mass at the Castro. Sponsored by Dignity, the gay Catholic organization, is appropriately themed, "Come Out for Christmas." It's free, and bring your mother.

The Metropolitan Community Church Candlelight Communion Service begins at 10:30 p.m. at 150 Eureka Street. More information is available by calling 863-4434.

The Brass Ensemble of the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band plays for the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at the Post and Mason Street First Congregational Church starting at 11 p.m. There will be Christmas caroling at midnight. The following morning Glide Church presents its Christmas Celebration with Rev. Cecil Williams at 10 a.m.

St. Paulus Church will be the site for a free Christmas Day dinner for gays and seniors (and gay seniors) at St. Paulus Church, Gough and Eddy starting at 2 p.m. This is the quite unique and special Empress Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinner Program. Call 775-3260 for more information.

New Year's Eve is going to be sensational this time around. So Many Men, 1988 kicks off at 9 p.m. at the Giftcenter Pavilion on Dec. 31. Money can be saved by purchasing tickets before Christmas Day. Cost is \$19.88 until then and they are on sale at all Headlines stores. After Christmas, cost 'til performance date becomes \$25 with the price jumping to \$35 at the door.

So Many Men producers Sanford Kellman, Randy Shiller and Bradley Wise have lined up Atlantic Recording artists, Company B who are now riding a popularity crest with "Fascinated (By Your Love Boy)." The real highlight, as it always is, is the audio-visual extravaganza at midnight. This year they will get crazed with the theme, "A journey through the first light of 1988." They promise an awesome display of lights coupled with thousands of balloons and other craziness.

Countdown will be another party event at the Trocadero Transfer. Modern Rocketry will be performing and they will more than stay open to more than meet the sunrise. For \$25 you get in the door, you get champagne and they're promising hors d'oeuvres and noisemakers.

Last year, one of the biggest parties in town served no alcohol. Living Sober, '88 will start at 9 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, Franklin and Gough Street. They have a sliding scale from \$6 to \$10. Hundreds attend-

ed last year and every indication points to them repeating their festive success next Thursday night (Dec. 31). Go and they'll teach you how to dance the twelve-step.

Lipstick lesbians will be just next to heaven at the Bay Area Career Women's New Year's Eve dinner dance in the Grand Ballroom of the Meridien Hotel. Each year this BACW party is acclaimed as one of the classiest and finest women's events presented anywhere in the country. The buffet starts at 7:30 p.m. and the dancing is to the big band

sound of City Swing. Dress is formal and it's for women only. They are the most expensive gay party in town with a tariff of \$55 for BACW members and \$65 for everyone else. Call 495-5393 for further information.

In Oakland, Ollie's 8th Annual Formal Masked Ball starts at 7:30 p.m. with dancing at 10 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$10 and \$15 at the door. It's a party with champagne and prizes.

Through New Year's Eve, Lily Tomlin continues her incredible performance at the Curran Theatre.



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# Rival Food Bank Confuses Donors

## New Group Causes Headaches For AIDS Foundation's Food Bank

by Jay Newquist

A former volunteer with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Food Bank has established his own food bank, creating confusion for people with AIDS and prospective donors in a climate of conflict. Bill Baker, project administrator for the new food bank called Resources, said his organization will provide services to people with AIDS like a food pantry, clothing, video library, and housing referrals in one location.

The problem is, however, the AIDS Foundation Food Bank and Resources have become confused in the public mind as the result of some similar promotional material. An undercurrent of distrust and irritation prevails.

"We're not enemies, but we're not friends, either," said Cary Norsworthy, director of the AIDS Foundation Food Bank. "I guess he (Baker) just wants to do it on his own."

Norsworthy was miffed that the gay community may think that the AIDS Food Bank isn't doing a good job for its 400 AIDS clients.

### CONFUSING PROMO

Norsworthy said it was frustrating that both groups were providing essentially the same services to the same group of people. She said that such duplication was unnecessary and the energies of Resources might best be concentrated elsewhere.

At the heart of the problem is an obvious similarity in concept and operation of Resources with

the older AIDS Food Bank. Some passages in Resources promotional brochures are the same as in the Foundation's literature. Letters that solicit funds for Resources are also very similar to those of the AIDS Food Bank.

At Resources, Baker agreed that his organization served many of the same clients as the AIDS Food Bank. But unlike the larger competition he provided all services under one roof, he said.

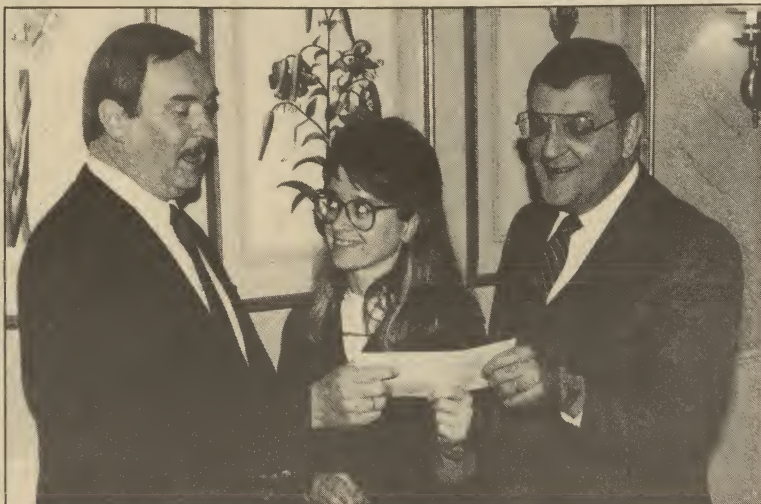
"At the AIDS Foundation you have to go south of Market for clothing, and go to another agency for referrals, things like that," he said.

"People with AIDS don't have the energy to run all over town."

Baker said he parted from the AIDS Food Bank because of "office politics."

"I was told what I could do and couldn't do, and I needed to get approval for everything," he said. "I took the job too personally."

"They (the AIDS Food Bank)



Cary Norsworthy accepts a check for \$5,000 for the S.F. AIDS Foundation Food Bank (Photo: S. Martin)

don't deal with people with AIDS like they're going to die. They got upset with me."

Norsworthy and Baker agree that the two organizations are being confused by the vague publicity. A recent event sponsored by one was mistaken for the other.

Norsworthy said, however, that Resources "may be capitalizing" on the mixup on purpose.

"It's a problem for everyone involved," she said. "He (Baker) should make it clear we're different."

Baker indicated he would change the name of the Resources Food Bank to "The Pantry" and hoped the snafu would end there.

The correction may also enable prospective donors to know exactly where their con-

tributions are destined.

But Norsworthy remains pessimistic about the future.

"It's not my place to say he (Baker) can or can't do this, but

the timing is ironic," she said. "We're expanding and getting bigger and better. I hope we don't cancel out each other's efforts."

## '87 Bike-A-Thon Raised \$326,000

The Different Spokes AIDS Bike-A-Thon held last May 9 has distributed a total of \$326,500 to beneficiaries. Jim King, treasurer, stated, "These funds represent a near 100 percent collection rate." Pledges had totalled \$340,000.

The individual agency tally is as follows:

AIDS Hospice/Coming Home	\$82,000
The Shanti Project	53,000
Open Hand	47,000
AIDS Emergency Fund	43,000
S.F. AIDS Foundation	35,000
East Bay AIDS Project	26,000
Elipse San Mateo County	13,000
18th Street Services	9,500
AIDS Health Project	6,500
Godfather Service Fund	6,500
Marin AIDS Support Network	6,000

The cost to produce the event was under \$10,000 and was obtained separately through rider registration fees. Every cent raised by the participants went to the AIDS service agency of their choice. In the three years since the first bike-a-thon, which raised \$30,000, revenue has increased ten-fold. Total monies raised is over a half million dollars for the three years.

The bike-a-thon is a true grass roots community endeavor. It is an all volunteer activity and requires the active participation of 30 people to pull it off.

Last year, over 100 businesses and restaurants supported the event by donating food, supplies, bicycle equipment, T-shirts, trucks, paint, etc. Entertainers such as Marga Gomez, Tom Amiano and Danny Williams

donated their time to the entertainment portion of the bike-a-thon. Community performing groups including the Lesbian and Gay Chorus, The Gay Men's Chorus and The Marching Band participated by lending their talents.

Community groups including Bay Area Career Women, the Golden Gate Business Association, Gay and Lesbian Sierreans, Black and White Men Together, Frontrunners, MCC Golden Gate, Dignity, Leather and Blues as well as others worked the road and rest stops.

Over 1,000 people participated by riding the 100 mile, 60 mile or 25 mile routes. An additional 300 people supported the event by volunteering as staff during the bike-a-thon along the route, at rest stops, and at the start/finish station in Eureka Valley playground.

Bike-A-Thon '88 is set for Saturday, May 7. Different Spokes will once again sponsor the event and the GGBA Foundation will again act as fiscal intermediary. The kick-off for Bike-A-Thon '88 will be in January. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to call the bike-a-thon message line at 771-0677.



More than 1,000 bikers raised \$326,000 in the '87 Different Spokes Bike-A-Thon (Photo: Rink)

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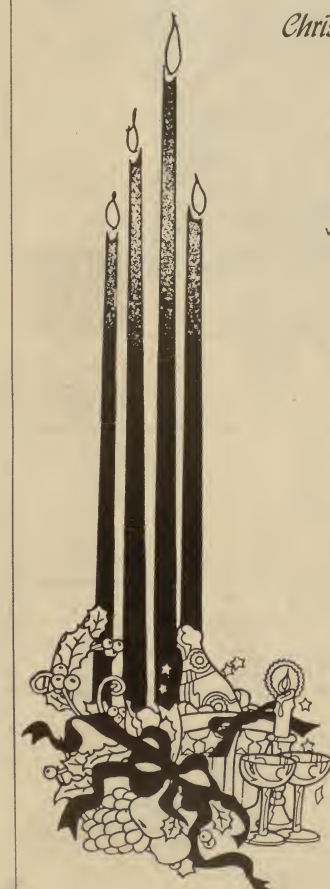
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# Hospital Accused Of Double-Talk

## St. Mary's Wanted PWA Out, Then Boasted of AIDS Care

by Miranda Kolbe

A former social worker of a San Francisco hospital has accused that institution of mistreating a man with AIDS and then turning around to brag about its service to the man in a publicity brochure. St. Mary's Hospital published a letter from a friend of the man thanking the hospital for caring for him. But when James Edwards saw the note, he felt the whole story behind it was not being told.

In an angry letter to his former employer, Edwards stated, "While I am deeply touched by the content of the letter, I am equally outraged that you would publish this letter to advance the hospital's image within the community."

As a social worker at the hospital, Edwards worked to have Gregory Guerin, a person with AIDS staying in San Francisco with a friend, admitted to St. Mary's. After Guerin was admitted, Edwards' job was to provide counseling and support to Guerin and to work on his discharge plans.

Guerin stayed at St. Mary's for about three months. During the first month, he was a patient in the acute care ward, and after that in the hospital's skilled nursing facility. He left the hospital when a place was prepared for him at Coming Home Hospice, where, a month later, he died.

Edwards felt his work with Guerin was inhibited by hospital officials who, he said, pressured him to discharge Guerin before an appropriate place for him was found. He said he received a memo from social work director Diane Mahan stating that, "Given his present prognosis, [Guerin] is not a candidate for hospice care. This creates a serious problem [for the hospital]."

According to Edwards, he also received instructions from the director of the hospital's skilled nursing facility, Kim Hadden, to "get him out."

### 'WON'T THROW THEM OUT'

Edwards said that at that time "the pressure was on to get patients out, and particularly AIDS patients, because they were afraid of the hospital losing money."

Maire McAuliffe M.D., chair of St. Mary's AIDS Task Force, denied these allegations. She stated that the hospital did in fact view Guerin as a candidate for hospice care. "We took him in no questions asked," she said, even though he was a medical indigent (someone who doesn't have medical insurance and isn't covered by Medicare).

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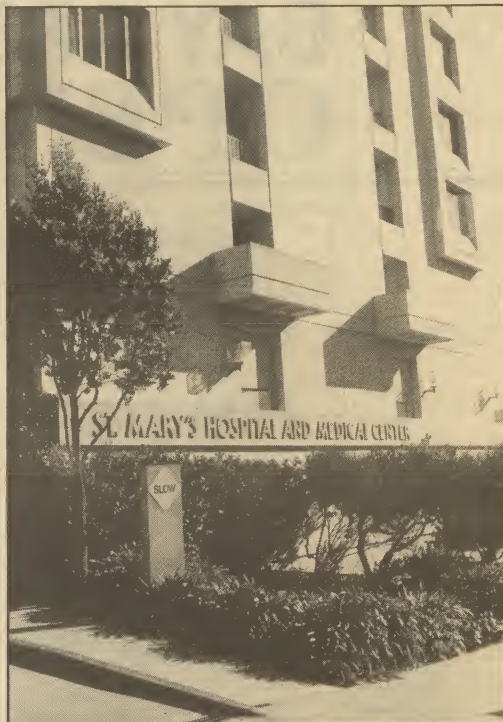
"We were all trying to place him, because he wasn't going to be a perpetual patient here," McAuliffe said. "We use that term here, 'We've got to get him out,' but it doesn't mean we're going to throw them out," said McAuliffe.

When asked what their policy is regarding AIDS patients who are medically indigent, McAuliffe said, "We take everybody. We have not rejected anybody on the basis of race, color, creed or economic standards."

There was some feeling at the

hospital that the friction between Edwards and hospital officials was due in part to the newness of the AIDS treatment program. The hospital had opened its AIDS treatment program only a few weeks before Guerin was admitted.

Janet Savits of St. Mary's public relations office, said, "Not only our AIDS services, but the hospices as well were just getting started at that time. With the benefit of hindsight, things might've been done differently."



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## EDITORIAL & OPINION

### A Bork In Sheep's Clothing

When Judge Anthony Kennedy, Pres. Reagan's latest offering to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court, was asked during Senate confirmation hearings last week why he hadn't given up his membership in the male-only Olympic Club, he replied that he preferred an athletic facility with "the atmosphere of a YMCA." He didn't feel the Olympic Club—which as far as we know also did not obtain the permission of the United States Olympic Committee to use that word—was guilty of "invidious discrimination."

Perhaps this most upstanding judge from Sacramento has something more to tell us. Why does he prefer athletic facilities with the atmosphere of a YMCA? We all know what atmosphere the YMCA is famous for—someone even wrote a song about it once. Is Judge Kennedy about to confess to some gross moral turpitude, like smoking a joint in the steam room, maybe? Is this guy really the Mr. Clean he's being made out to be?

Yes. And, no.

Kennedy lacks the philosophical adventurousness of Bork who tried to turn back the constitutional clock with a lot of high-minded, abstruse language. And he's not Judge Douglas Ginzburg of unknown opinions but a more colorful lifestyle. Color does not seem to go well on the U.S. Supreme Court these days.

What's getting lost in all this is the fact that Judge Kennedy is a Bork by another name. Kennedy may not have an open ideological agenda to work to achieve, but the net effect of his decisions, especially for gay people, is the same. Kennedy may not have been foolish enough, as was the feistier Bork, to publicly work out his ideology. But he has one.

What, for example, is "invidious discrimination"? Is there discrimination that is not invidious? Which types of discrimination are invidious—or invidiouser than others—and which are not? What can we count on Judge Kennedy to rule as invidious and what will he decide is OK discrimination?

We do know that Kennedy does not see discrimination against gays and lesbians as too terribly invidious. He has ruled in a number of cases that gay people have no legal claim. He's even gone so far as to praise the *Hardwick* decision in which he had no part.

He ruled in one case that a gay sailor had no right to privacy and could be discharged as the military so desired. The case of *Beller v. Mendenford* on which he ruled is almost a carbon copy of the *Dronenberg v.*

*Zech* ruling which Bork concocted. Kennedy didn't go off on the rhetorical flourish Bork did by attacking the very notion of the right to privacy. He simply cowered before the military's stated claim that it couldn't tolerate gay people in its midst. In a footnote, Kennedy admitted this may be debated by some.

Kennedy took the same tack in the case of Anthony Sullivan who was ordered deported by the government despite his relationship/marriage to Richard Adams. Kennedy didn't attack gay rights here either. He just tossed off the break-up of a ten-year relationship as too insignificant to count as hardship under law. Again, he bought the government argument without considering any questions of government policy.

In two other cases, Kennedy joined other judges in ruling against gay interests. In *Society for Individual Rights (SIR) v. Hampton*, he upheld the firing of a gay civil service worker in 1975. And in 1976, a gay employee who "flaunted" his lifestyle was also denied redress for his firing.

It's unfortunate that the opposition to Kennedy has caved in. Having won on the Bork issue, now is no time to sit back in self-congratulation while the Reagan Right Wing walks off with the store. The issues raised in the hearings on Bork still apply. Anyone who's seen any of the hearings on Kennedy knows that the Bork backers haven't forgotten that. How are constitutional guarantees of rights for all to be enforced by the courts? If unpopular minorities cannot be promised protection by the courts, who is safe?

Much of the questioning and testimony on Kennedy's nomination has focused on abortion rights and women's rights. And Kennedy, a lifelong foe of abortion rights, is suddenly exhibiting what has come to be called "confirmation conversion." All of a sudden, he's not committed to ruling against the right of choice.

Once again we see that indeed, despite all the pious disclaimers, the U.S. Supreme Court is a political and a politicized institution. Abortion is too hot to deal with, so we get all this feigning of indecision. On other issues—such as gay rights—nominees need not be so discreet. Judicial gay bashing is still in. Anyone familiar with the *Hardwick* decision knows how politically craven the court can be.

With the hearings over, it is too late to ask Judge Kennedy for more details on his beliefs. We urge Sens. Cranston and Wilson to vote against Kennedy in January, knowing that that too is unlikely to happen. It is regrettable that the opposition has folded its tents so easily. We won the battle on Bork only to lose the war for constitutional guarantees for certain unfashionable human rights.

Ray O'Loughlin

## OPINION

### A Strength Not To Be Ignored

Part II

by John Boling, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.

Even today, those who live dual lives (who are not "out" in the straight world) actually live more openly than many "out" gays of earlier times. Most gays are open to at least one or two straight friends, or selectively to neighbors, and have ongoing friendships with other gays. This degree of being out of the closet would have been daring, if not unthinkable, in the fifties. Gays can congregate, socialize, and support gay or gay "sensitive" businesses without repercussion. While this level of freedom and security may seem insignificant, its attainment has been a watershed for gays.

I believe the self-image of gays changed just in time, for AIDS presented us with challenges that few communities have had to face. A contagious and lethal virus, probably originating in Africa, where it is most commonly found among heterosexuals, came to the United States and first began to infect gay men. I believe that if a comparable epidemic had occurred in our country thirty years ago, our national and local governments would have made gays scapegoats without a moment's hesitation. Also, certain individuals and groups would have attempted to use the health crisis for their own political or material gain.

This nightmare is not happening because of the positive changes in both the gay and larger communities. Gay people have a social and political strength that cannot be ignored. Because gay people are freer and have a better sense of self-worth, they respond as all good people respond in times of great need. They are caring and giving with unprecedented generosity.

And because the general public is freer of prejudicial thinking and feeling about homosexuals, they are more inclined to replace fears with objective data, and not act irrationally.

However, we must not become complacent. The dynamics in our political system, the economic condition of our country, and the social fabric are constantly changing. While it seems

unthinkable that others would commit genocide for self gain or for a "higher cause," history gives abundant examples of such stupidity and savagery. The worst-known atrocity against gays occurred less than fifty years ago in Germany when a third to a half a million gays were exterminated.

Both gays and straights should be congratulated. Gays are not retreating in the face of AIDS, we are standing up and being counted and are doing what has to be done: caring for the ill, crying, laughing, and going to work the next morning.

The general public is not retreating in many instances; it is changing long-standing attitudes, and many are caring for the ill alongside us. In fact, some of the hardest and most capable workers in this battle are not gay and their numbers are not small.

Then there is the national reality. Must we tell the ill or a mother holding her dying son that while the federal government is hesitant and moving slowly, it is at least moving? How much death and misery must be measured before a priority is given to this medical reality?

Change takes time. Even the accomplishments of the last thirty years have yet to benefit all gay people—let alone raise the consciousness of many heterosexuals. But many have begun the journey of mutual understanding. Human beings are both homosexual and heterosexual and devaluing one or the other causes untold misery for all.

I see a possibility that the devastation caused by AIDS will ultimately advance the understanding, acceptance, and living conditions of gays. While some opinion polls indicate a drop in positive attitudes towards gays, a new and, I hope, longer lasting reality will evolve: many Americans will acknowledge that there are well-adjusted and happy Americans who are gay and contribute to the well being of society. ●

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## LETTERS

### Bureaucracy and AIDS

★ After being involved with friends who have suffered with AIDS and their subsequent deaths, I have come to the conclusion that the "system" does not work. The time it takes to qualify for social security benefits is too long for an AIDS victim. There was also too much red tape and form filling out to qualify for State Disability Insurance. There was confusion as to what agency one should go to for what type of assistance.

One of the victims that I helped had been a veteran. The Veterans Administration never got back to him on disability compensation before he died. When I tried to get assistance with the burial costs the VA left me hanging for months only to finally turn me down for the burial benefits. They can give no excuse as to why they didn't tell me in earlier correspondence.

AIDS victims and survivors do not need this type of bureaucratic nightmare. They often need financial assistance as well as the medical and emotional assistance. I urge all government and social services to simplify the red tape. I also urge all AIDS victims and survivors to speak up about these bureaucratic snafus with any of the agencies. Write the Bay Area Reporter and the Examiner so they can see the proportions of this gross injustice. I also urge you to write Nancy Pelosi and let her know just what the government is doing in these situations. You can only make it better for the next person.

Dan Barber  
San Francisco

### Swell

★ I'm getting sick of the gay-bashing that's become so commonplace in the Chronicle. I refer to a letter from the Kents, tourists from Canton, Ohio. They're "having a great time" in S.F., especially since they "haven't seen even one gay person the entire trip." Their ignorance would be laughable were it not so vitriolic. Even if they were tasteless enough to confine their sightseeing to "lovely" Fisherman's Wharf, there is no way they could have avoided seeing a gay person.

What's more infuriating is not merely the Chronicle's decision to print their letter but to entitle it, "A Swell City." I can only infer that they share the Kents' sentiments that a city without gay people is most agreeable. When will they stop validating and thereby perpetuating the anti-gay hatred and violence that surrounds us? It may be a joke to them, but it's a life-and-death matter for many of us.

Gary Skop  
San Francisco

### Scientific Realities

★ I work as a counselor at the AIDS Antibody Testing Program and am also a therapist in private practice. (I'm not speaking for the Testing Program here; the views expressed are my own.) I want to strongly support many of the views expressed in the recent articles on Project Inform by Project Directors Delaney and Brewer.

In a nutshell, Brewer and Delaney argued that (1) it is now apparent that most people who are HIV Positive will go on to get AIDS symptoms, (2) one does so as a rule regardless of previous medical history, substance abuse, or lifestyle changes, (3) one should therefore be tested and (4) engage in appropriate (even if experimental) treatment.

My only slight degree of hesitation here is that since treatments are still experimental (even for AZT, the long-term effects are not known and for those who are asymptomatic it is still experimental) some could argue that they prefer not knowing their HIV status unless a course of treatment is clearly recommended. My own inclination, however, is to agree with Brewer and Delaney that one should then seriously consider the likelihood of progression to illness if untreated, and this is my concern as well as theirs, many do not do so. They do not do so largely because, in my opinion, of a combination of currently popular holistic health and spiritual trends that emphasize the importance of mental attitude and power of will to the detriment of a recognition of scientific realities.

Certainly, the struggle for a spirit of optimism and hopefulness amidst this epidemic is vital to our waging the fight both as a community and as individuals. The hopefulness must be based on realistic options, however, not on wishful thinking and denial. While we are still in the midst of this crisis there is a great and understandable need to minimize or mitigate the scope of the devastation we are experiencing. Personally, my blood boils when I hear people talk about what a wonderful effect this is having on the gay community. It's having some good effects (more thoughtful appraisal of ourselves and our relationships) and bad effects (fear of being sexual) but mostly it is an overwhelming senseless tragedy. It is a tragedy that we did not create, we did not intend and we are relatively powerless over.

It is hard to accept not having control over things. We may rationalize and justify and in doing so distort the information we do need to cope realistically, both on an individual and a community level. For example, the "life in the fastlane" argument was one initially tossed out by the medical community (with homophobic overtones), disproven but never exactly retracted, continues to serve as a subtle or not so subtle way of blaming those affected and the community generally. For some, even this "we brought this on ourselves" gives some sense of order to what is a senseless tragedy.

On an individual level, there is a danger in believing that we have control over our health more than we in fact do. This is why treatment options should be considered.

Steve Hamilton  
Oakland

### Time Explains

★ The following letter was sent to a San Francisco man who had earlier protested Time's failure to cover the National gay march:

Thank you for your letter in which you express your dismay over Time's failure to report on the Oct. 11 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. We are sorry to have disappointed you. Certainly, the editorial decisions that go into any weekly edition of Time are open to challenge. The Oct. 26 issue was no exception.

A part of the problem had to do with the fact that the march was held on a Sunday. Most weekly news-magazines close on Saturday, which means that, unless the magazine was held open (and this is rarely done and is reserved for the most extraordinary circumstances), we could not have reported on the event until the Nov. 2 issue.

You should know, however, that the march was monitored by Time correspondents, and information about it has been incorporated into our research files on gay rights and on AIDS funding. Perhaps some future, related coverage will enable us to make reference to it.

But more important, we want to assure you that this omission does not reflect on our views about the gay population or on our assessment of the tragedy that AIDS represents. We do not think readers could easily find another magazine that has paid such close attention to the gay rights movement or to AIDS in its medical, social, and legal ramifications. Time's readership has been well served by that coverage, we think.

Amy Musher  
Time Magazine  
New York, NY

### Hope and Joy

★ Thank you for printing Mary Richards' article about Family Link, the project that offers good low-cost accommodations to visiting family and friends of patients diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, such as AIDS.

My brother and nephew loved it when they were here in June, and so did my folks when they were here two weeks ago. I immediately thought "I'll clip this article and mail it to them." But I won't and I want to let you know why.

There are two references to the loved ones the out-of-towners are visiting. In the first, you write that they are here to "share the last days of their lives" and in the other, that different visiting families have the opportunity to "support each other in their loss." This is a perfect example of the media painting a totally negative picture of what it means to be a PWA. Of course, what you describe happens—and probably not infrequently—and I'm aware that it could well describe things the next time my family visits me.

But it doesn't describe the June visit or the December visit. In fact I was very happy to be looking and feeling good during those times, for them and for me. I know it helped them see that there's a distinction to be made between having AIDS and being considered dead already. Your article would unnecessarily bum them out. It bummed me out.

So, please think for a moment what effect that attitude in print must have on people, but especially on any PWA well enough to read. The drama of having AIDS includes hope and joy as well as sorrow and pain. Wouldn't you rather not encourage fear and hopelessness in your support of PWAs?

Charlie Samson  
San Francisco



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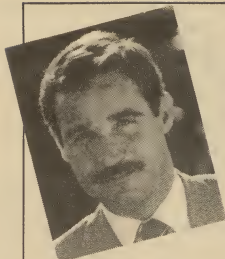
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### Let's See Stats

★ *The following was sent to the California State Automobile Association:*

In response to your recent (form) letter about renewing my CSAA membership and naming proxies, please note I hereby award my proxy to the following three people: Ms. Jean O'Leary, Mr. Benjamin Schatz, and Mr. Leonard Graff of National Gay Rights Advocates, 540 Castro St., San Francisco 94114.

I do this in further pursuance of my ongoing effort to obtain a joint membership in the CSAA motor club for me and my domestic partner. Last year at this same time when the issue of membership renewal came up, I requested your so-called "master" and associate membership status for me and my partner and promptly paid my individual renewal as a sign of bona fide dealing, both of us having been individual members in good standing for some years.

This year, I am renewing my membership (individual) under protest of your policy of denial of associate membership to unrelated single adults living in the same household.

Your casually underwriting assistant manager, Mr. Raymond Pierce, informed me last year that CSAA "has found a higher usage of road services by single adults living in the same household," and uses this cost-oriented claim as a basis for your policy. I challenge your findings and would like for you to produce for me your studies and statistics since it does not make sense to me that you could have been comparing representative groups and come up with those results.

**Jesse N. R. Greenman**  
Berkeley, CA

### Women Bring Peace

★ To say that Star Wars is in fact and in intention a First Strike Plan is a terrible thing to say, as well as for most people, an unthinkable consideration. It can, however, for minds that can entertain the possibility, put a true horror and a true light on the matter.

I am informed by the following insight: When you posit enemy, it has to grow. The morning paper shows us daily that this has happened, is happening and will continue to happen.

In my opinion, men keep murdering each other in the name of an image of self. For thousands of years, all their efforts to create a lasting and universal peace have frightfully and miserably failed. Efficiency killing is what they get better and better at doing.

Not only am I totally convinced, but I predict that it is women not men, who will bring peace to this planet. We need to start electing women to public office in massive numbers—or else.

Obviously, I am referring in this letter to what, for the time being, we call straight or real men.

**Leland Mellott**  
San Francisco

### Terrific People

★ Just a note to let your readers know that not all bureaucrats are necessarily "bad guys."

I work in the Regional Office of the Social Security Administration. Recently, I asked my manager if I could put up an "Every Penny Counts" jar in the office. Her answer was, without hesitation, an enthusiastic "yes." So I put out a jar with Mary Richards' feature article from the B.A.R. taped in front of it. It has really been heartwarming to watch the pennies overflow into second and third jars. I think I work with some pretty terrific people.

**M. Janet Allen**  
Albany

### A Mixed Bag

★ Christmastide is often a mixed bag for so many gay men and gay women who were reared as Christians.

We are acutely conscious that our fullness as persons is deeply expressed by the descriptive adjective "gay." Yet, simultaneously, this very adjective precludes us from co-equal acceptance with heterophile Christians by even most of the mainline churches of Christianity: Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicanism, Lutheranism, and Reformed Protestantism.

If the Bay Area Reporter's weekly obituaries reflect reality, a majority of us return to our Creator divorced from our families' religious roots in Christianity (or Judaism).

Recently, deeply troubled in spirit, I read the Gospel of St. John the Beloved in The New English Bible, a translation which possesses clarity and literary beauty.

John has universalized the historical Jesus by interpreting his birth, life, death, and resurrection through the eyes of Greek philosophy. Jesus is simply the Lamb of God whose love is universal, embracing everyone who has ever lived, who is now living, and who will ever live. Jesus is the universal savior of all humankind who was incarnate of Mary at the first Christmas.

As each one of us who was reared as a Christian struggles to find self-love and self-acceptance as a gay man or as a gay woman, we need to ponder seriously this Christmastide that each one of us will probably not experience total gay liberation until each one of us joyfully, hopefully, and tenaciously claims our inclusion in God's unending and freely given love for each and every human person.

In our capacity as gay men and gay women we belong as full and co-equal members within the Body of Christ which is the Church. That is our right and no one can deny it to us.

This is the message one hears all the time at New Life Metropolitan Church in Berkeley, at the Integrity Mass at the Church of St. John the Evangelist at San Francisco's Mission District, and at the Dignity Mass at lovely old St. Boniface's Church in San Francisco's Tenderloin.

Increasingly one hears this same message in local denominational churches in which gay parishioners have enlightened the clergy persons, churches such as St. Leander's in San Leandro, the First Congregational Church in San Francisco, and the Episcopal Church of St. James the Apostle in Oakland's Brooklyn.

As this Christmastide approaches, let us hope that the awful self-alienation so many of us gay persons experience relative to our religious heritages may be replaced by a quiet, but determined, insistence that we are co-equal recipients of the Christ Child's love. That is the true meaning of Christmas.

**James F. Gibbons**  
San Leandro

### Accountable

★ A very severe psychological epidemic has hit gay men in the wake of AIDS. This should move caring people to want to have more understanding and compassion concerning gay men. So for Tamara Lucas/Yvonne Price to say lesbians have suffered just as much personal loss from AIDS as gay men or for feminist comic Kate Clinton to get laughs by implying it's naturally revolting to have sperm in your mouth is appalling.

Let's face it, AIDS is the ultimate aversion therapy for loving men. Consequently the damage to gay men's body concept, self-esteem and connection to other men has been devastating.

But I guess for these women these are nonissues. In their gynocentric world all issues must come down to the oppression of women. Lucas/Price see a moving film about a dying gay man and his friends and are most moved by the absence of women. Clinton actually thinks it's feminist consciousness-raising to get people to be disgusted at eating sprouts because they look like sperm.

It's been said that feminism was founded on the taking of a magnifying glass to women's experience of powerlessness and men's experience of power. Fine. Yet no counter social movement has offered society the information that would come from looking closely at men's experience of powerlessness and women's experience of power. So gay men now live in a culture that has legitimized male-bashing because it thinks it's an understandable reaction to "male dominance." Add to this the reactionary religious and political backsliding of the New Right and something horrific emerges. In gay men these two powerful movements intersect at the point of their primary "hate objects." We're both men and gay.

This shouldn't be too surprising since in the end sexist feminism and the New Right may be opposite sides of the same fascist coin. They both cut their teeth on the bigotry born of lack of information on two large groups of human beings. They each variously felt they'd discovered which group most threatens a healthy society (i.e. the moral decay of gays and the moral inferiority of men.) So even without AIDS we'd still have a psychological epidemic. So much hate converges on gay men.

If we're dedicated to the alliance between gays and lesbians, we can't let it be weakened by healthy criticism between the two groups being squelched for fear it's divisive. Gay men must start speaking out against the ugliness of androphobia. Suicides went up 12 percent among gay men during the Briggs Initiative. What must be happening now? Why aren't these women held accountable for their bigotry? Can we talk?

**John Morrison**  
San Francisco



## Hart Thumbs Nose at Voters

**G**ary Hart is back in the Democratic presidential fray and after a full week of his resurrected campaign most are saying "who cares?" While many of us agree with Gary Hart's ideas of how the government should be run, the reasoning behind his decision (to qualify for federal campaign matching funds to help retire his debt) and the pure gall of the man who wants to run on his own terms, not those that are laid down for other candidates, can only leave the assumption that Gary thinks there are one set of rules for the others and a different one for himself.

Hart's capacity to offend his fellow Americans and thumb his nose at the process apparently has no limits. Every person in this country past the age of ten knows that Gary Hart committed adultery and then lied to the public about it. Hart says he re-entered the race because "I have ideas." And Paul Simon or Mike Dukakis don't?

Gary Hart's troubles with credibility started long before Donna Rice. In fact Hart long ago showed that no matter how good his "ideas" are, his judgment was badly flawed. Candidate Hart's trysts in a Washington townhouse and on Caribbean cruises are his own business—as long as he tries to keep them so. But his "in-your-face" attitude regarding these flagrant encounters ("catch me if you can," he challenged) makes his judgment suspect and his re-entry into the race is a joke.

This is a race for President of the United States, Mr. Hart—not executive officer of Playboy Enterprises. It's all over, Senator, so put your pants back on and go back to Colorado, you're an insult to the American political process.

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**S**ue Eisenberg has been elected president of the San Francisco chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC).

After Prop. 64 (the LaRouche AIDS Initiative) was defeated in 1986, the attorney general turned the election fraud investigation (the question of petitions collected to place the proposition on the ballot) over to L.A. District Attorney Ira Reiner's office where it has languished for nearly a year. And this guy wants to run for Attorney General?

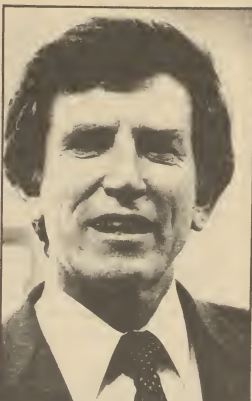
Mass. Rep. Barney Frank on Gary Hart's new presidential bid: "Gary Hart for president? It's the worst new idea of 1987."

Gay rights activist John Laird is serving another term as mayor of Santa Cruz.

According to a recent Gallup poll, and despite the registration figures, more Californians think of themselves as being Republican than Democrat. Some of Mayor-elect Art Agnos' strongest gay supporters now are telling me they are expecting him to eventually endorse John Burton for his Assembly seat despite the probability that the gay/lesbian community will support their own candidate for the job. (And they are surprised at that?)

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The very best to all of you. ●

## Dignity Hosts Christmas Mass at Castro Theater

For the third year, Dignity/San Francisco, the city's largest congregation of Roman Catholic lesbians and gay men, will host Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at the Castro Theater, near the corner of Market and Castro streets. All are invited to attend.

"The service has become a Christmas tradition in the city," said Kevin Calegari, spokesperson for the group. "It's a powerful experience to see a crowd of over 1,200 people singing, praying and celebrating together the Christmas message of love and peace in the heart of the Castro. Midnight Mass is Dignity's Christmas gift to the community," Calegari added.

The service includes traditional carols, scripture readings and Holy Eucharist.

The theme of the Mass is once again "Come Out for Christmas!" The service will begin with carolling at 11:45 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24. Proceeds from the offering will go directly to Dignity's tithing fund which supports charitable efforts in the community.

Calegari termed the event "a positive celebration and witness that gay and lesbian people are indeed part of the church. We're looking forward to another large and joyous celebration."

The service will be conducted

in non-sexist, inclusive language, and will be interpreted for the hearing-impaired. In addition, special seating will be available for the ill and the handicapped. Refreshments will be served after the mass. Dignity members will provide transportation for those with special needs; call (415) 584-1714 for information.

Dignity/San Francisco is a chapter of Dignity/USA, a national organization of Roman Catholic gay men, lesbian women, their friends and families, united to promote spiritual development, social justice, and reconciliation among gay and lesbian people and the larger Church and society.

Founded in 1973, Dignity/San Francisco holds Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday at Saint Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue. In addition to worship and religious education, Dignity offers educational programs, social activities and a support ministry for people with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions. ●

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# Gays Unfit Parents, Says White House

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Pres. Reagan's Interagency Task Force on Adoption has recommended that gay people should not be considered as suitable parents for adopting children. The group said in a statement released Dec. 4 that adoptions by gay people "should not be supported."

The task force concluded that "marital status, age, or handicapped conditions should not preclude individuals from consideration as adoptive parents; however, homosexual adoption should not be supported." The group was convened to recommend ways in which adoption of children could be expanded.

The task force was composed of representatives from ten federal agencies and three members of the White House staff, including Gary Bauer. Bauer, a Reagan domestic policy advisor, recently wrote Health and Human Services Secretary Otis Bowen praising Sen. Jesse Helms' effort to stop federal funds for sexually explicit AIDS education as "good policy." Bauer wrote that most Americans find homosexuality "deeply offensive."

Gay rights leaders immediately expressed dissatisfaction with the task force's recommendations. "We feel gays are just as qualified as anyone else to adopt children," said Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We question whether the task force is qualified to make an assumption to the contrary," she said.

Gay activists had made a special plea for the rights of prospective parents who are lesbian or gay. In a 22-page statement by Lesbian Rights Project attorney Robert Achtenberg it was urged that decisions about foster and adoptive parents be based on the individual qualifications of applicants.

According to Achtenberg, courts have recently ruled in favor of a number of gay parents in custody cases. "There is no competent social science data developed in the last 20 years which indicates anything other than that homosexuals are as qualified as heterosexuals to parent children," wrote Achtenberg.

—Washington Blade

# Postal Agents 'Visit' Porn Seller

CHICAGO—Federal postal inspectors accompanied by Chicago police interrogated workers and confiscated materials from Bijou Video Sales, accusing the business operators of sending pornography through the mail to localities that prohibit such material. The officials made no arrests and filed no charges, however.

Apparently, postal agents set up a post office box in a town in Tennessee and requested a catalog from Bijou. They claimed that the catalog and its products violated Tennessee pornography laws.

Employees of Bijou, which distributes gay erotica, were questioned by police and had warrant

checks run through police computers, but no arrests were made.

According to Steven Toushin, owner of Bijou Video, this was no isolated incident. He said that similar harassment had occurred against purveyors of gay material in other states as well. "These are acts against gay businesses," said Toushin.

He said his business will continue to service customers across the country. But he will try to ascertain what regulations apply in different localities.

Toushin vowed "to fight for First Amendment rights to freedom of speech."

—Windy City Times (Chicago)

# Florida Fair To Include Gays

TAMPA, FL—The 1988 Florida State Fair will be a gay affair. The Tampa Bay Business Guild will be allowed to set up an exhibit documenting the history of the gay rights movement. The exhibit will be "tasteful, factual and educational—something everyone will be proud of," said organizers of the project.

"We would like to chronicle

the gay rights movement in America up to and including the recent March on Washington," according to the letter of application by the Tampa group.

"An exhibit like this will help dispel myths and promote understanding of gay people everywhere," stated the group.

—The Weekly News (Miami)

# Royno Apologizes For Column

CHICAGO—Chicago Tribune columnist Mike Royno apologized for a column he had written smearing gay people and people with AIDS. Royno told the audience of a Chicago call-in show that the column was "in poor taste" and "may have been one of the worst columns I've ever written." He'd just "had a very bad day," said Royno.

In the offensive column, Royno had written that people administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation may want to be careful of contracting AIDS. He warned that rescuers may want to "check to see if he [a person needing resuscitation] has needle marks on his arms and is wearing lipstick."

—Windy City Times (Chicago)

# 11 Arrested in Cathedral Protest

NEW YORK CITY—St. Patrick's Cathedral was the scene Dec. 6 of the arrest of 11 members of Dignity, an organization of gay and lesbian Roman Catholics. The men were part of an ongoing protest of Cardinal John J. O'Connor's ousting of the New York's Dignity chapter from St. Francis Xavier church.

Since March, the group has remained standing during the sermon at Sunday mass in the cathedral. The 11 were charged with misdemeanors and face up to a \$1000 fine or a year in jail.

"The expulsion from St. Francis Xavier caused a lot of pain for people," said Robert Pusilo, of Dignity New York. "We felt an injustice was done. But it took quite a while to focus ourselves because we were more concerned with healing ourselves than dealing aggressively with others," he said.

Every Sunday since March, 20

to 60 people wearing lavender armbands and scattered throughout the congregation, would remain standing while O'Connor preached. O'Connor never mentioned the protest nor gay people except once indirectly. During mass one Sunday the cardinal withheld his blessing from the protestors.

According to Pusilo, "On Pulaski Day, he spoke of human rights for Poles, but, of course, not of gays. At the end, he said 'I give a special blessing to everyone in the cathedral except for those who shall remain unnamed'."

The Dignity protestors had on a number of occasions caused some controversy in the cathedral. Ushers usually requested that those standing leave the church and would escort them down the aisle. Other congregants at times displayed support for Dignity by also walking out.

Police made the arrests outside the cathedral.

—Philadelphia Gay News



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—Rev. Jerry Sloan announcing the formation of the Baptist Bible College Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association

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—Leland Kennedy, president of Baptist Bible College

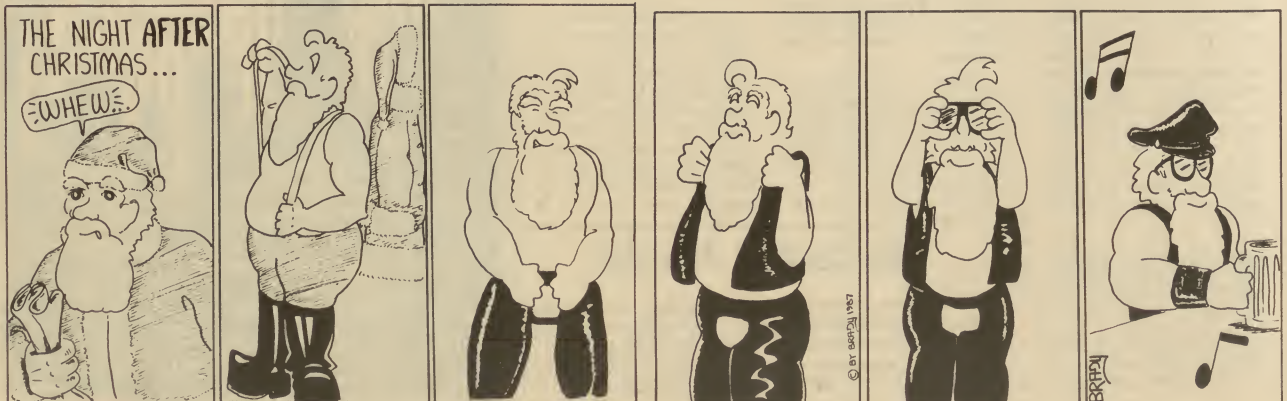
"I would think the first question your readers would want you to ask, is whether he still hates us or whatever. Well, I've changed. I hope I've changed. I get better every day. And nobody who doesn't is an idiot."

—Former Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo campaigning for mayor this fall. Rizzo apologized to Philadelphia Gay News for past homophobic remarks.

"Let me give him his due: he would have made a hell of a king."

—Former House Speaker Tip O'Neill on Pres. Reagan

# LIFE AT THE CLOSET DOOR





## Some Alternative Christmases

Every other year, Christmas is my favorite holiday. That's when I fly to Washington D.C. to celebrate with the family. My sisters and I decorate the tree, wrap gifts, bake cookies, sing carols, and attend services at the National Cathedral. With any luck at all, it snows, but we don't need snow to ice skate on the Mall. Neither does the weather matter when we attend the Washington Ballet production of *The Nutcracker* or the Sing-Along *Messiah* at the Kennedy Center.

The best part is Christmas morning, when the kids wake us bright and early to see what Santa Claus has left. Santa, alas, usually abdicates his responsibilities to the adults, and we do the best we can. I remember my own childhood well enough not to leave bedroom slippers or pen-and-pencil sets under the tree, but in spite of this I am not always successful.

The robots, airplanes, and walkie-talkies usually break within a week. The children's books are promptly abandoned. And God only knows where the Play-doh winds up. Nevertheless, the day is always a joyous one, culminating in a traditional holiday feast.

The Christmases I don't spend with the family, alas, are usually hit-or-miss propositions. This year I think it's a hit. After spending the first part of the week with friends in Mendocino, I am venturing with my boyfriend to the East Bay to meet the in-laws. I have no idea how that will turn out or what I'm doing the next day when the in-laws have had their fill of me. Fortunately, I've got several options.

This was not the case two years ago when a friend and his lover felt so sorry for me that they included me on a list of "strays" to invite to their potluck Christmas dinner. It was awfully sweet of them, I admit, but frankly, the scene was too Ozzie-and-Harriet for words, even worse than my own family celebrations. I was single at the time, and it was impossible not to feel like an outsider when I overheard the following tete-a-tete:

"Have you passed the nut tray, darling?"

"Yes I have, dear."

"And would you mind helping me with the gravy, darling?"

"Of course not, dear."

"I love you, darling."

"I love you too, dear. Merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas to you, darling."

A few years before that, I spent Christmas day at my friend Russell's apartment, trying to recover from an over-zealous Christmas Eve. I wasn't alone, but I might as well have been. I was exhausted from the night before—this was the Christmas Eve that Tammy partied so hard she fell into the Christmas tree, remember? It was all I could do to sit zombie-like in a corner and nod to Russell's guests. I think I said two words all day. Russell never forgave me.

Of course, I'm not the only one who often finds Christmas disappointing. The holiday season is a great time for depression, especially for gay people who are cut off from their families and haven't yet replaced them with



families of their own choosing.

There are alternatives, however, to drowning your sorrows in a South-of-Market leather bar or

to burying yourself on the couch and watching *Wheel of Fortune* re-runs all day (unless, of course, that is where you'd rather be).

You might choose to go to a movie, for instance. Other people do it, usually with dates, but I've always found a movie house the perfect place to enjoy my solitude, to lose myself to the darkness for a while. Or, if you prefer to be outdoors, go to the zoo (seriously). It's open every day of the year, and the animals don't know or care what particular day it is.

If you feel like going to church, try Grace Cathedral. The service is traditional enough that you'll feel the Christmas spirit, yet it's long enough that you'll be glad to escape before it's over. There's nothing like standing in a packed house while several thousand people take communion to convince you that perhaps you aren't missing out on so much after all.

As a last resort, you can forget your own sorrows for a few hours and visit someone with greater needs than your own. An AIDS ward at any of the local hospitals comes immediately to mind, as do places like St. Anthony's, Glide, Laguna Honda, or just about any street corner in town. True, these places are usually inundated with well-wishers and do-gooders at this time of year, but one more can't hurt. Besides, it might inspire you to come back another time, to carry the Christmas spirit (once you've found it) well into the new year.

Whatever you do, don't despair. Christmas can be a lot of fun, but it needn't be a source of trauma. If all else fails, though, and your Christmas is a miserable one, just remember—in January, when the bills arrive and the post-Christmas blues set in, you'll have plenty of company.

I may feel that way myself, with or without a trip to D.C. So do me a favor just in case. Save me a place at the bar.

## Shanti Celebrates At The Trocadero

by Ann Hershey

There were two locations of pride for the lesbian and gay community on Sunday, Dec. 20. One was the Names Project's quilt which was on display at the Moscone Center. Not far from Moscone was party which celebrated lesbian and gay pride, a celebration of 700 volunteers and staff of the Shanti Project.

Trocadero Transfer jumped with the wild beat of an annual Holiday party for Shanti. The mood was festive. It was a celebration of love given by those present directly to people with AIDS and their loved ones in 1987.

It was a celebration of a community living life to the fullest in the face of the AIDS epidemic. It was a celebration of the courage and caring of people with AIDS and those who have stepped forward to give them unconditional love and support.

All around the dance floor, the Shanti family displayed joy and exuberance. The group's extended family of "significant others"—friends, lovers, wives and husbands—moved in tight circles (and some wider ones) of dancers and merrymakers.

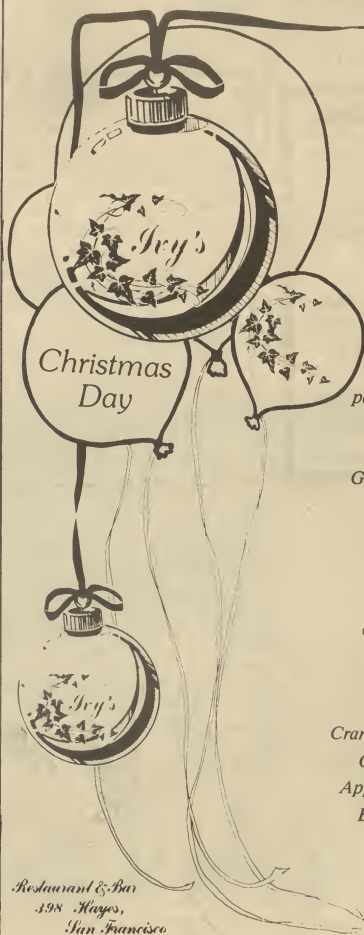
There was a man in a white tank top with a rhinestone pin on his shoulder. There was a gay couple in matching green shirts wearing Santa stocking caps. There was Tatiana, gloriously tall in ballroom drag. There was a woman with a 1950s poodle skirt,

all so silver, glitter and gold. The look was festive, the music GET DOWN and the flash was abundant.

The Names Project Quilt was there too, psychologically, underneath all those dancing feet. Some had just come from seeing it while others had worked as grief counselors while others had contributed long hours of seeing the patches for those whom they knew and loved. There was a kind of tribute in the air, a feeling of exhilaration and abandon.

It was the same kind of "we're alive" as that of Native American dancers who celebrate life and death to the great drumbeat of the heart. At the Troc, there were ceremonial dancers drumming the floor with renewed hope and fervor. There were ceremonial dancers drumming the dance floor with renewed hope and fervor and forever-lasting love for our community facing AIDS together.

The Beat of Life went on Sunday at the Troc.



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Grilled Marinated Veal Chop with a Shitake Mushroom Sauce & Potatoes Au Gratin

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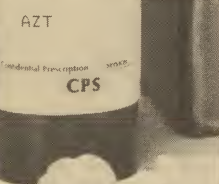
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# Crowds Jam Hall To See Quilt

## Some Bring Flowers, Christmas Tree To Remember, Share, Grieve

by Allen White

"You get in, but you can't get out. It's like the Vietnam Memorial." That was how Mayor Dianne Feinstein described the Names Project's quilt as she left the Moscone Center last Saturday afternoon. "All you have to do is go into that room and you feel it," said the mayor. She was one of tens of thousands of people who visited the quilt during its three-day display.

The crowds staggered the organizers. For several hours on Saturday and Sunday over 2000 people an hour were pouring into the center. At times they had to slow the line to allow people to leave the quilt. The people were of all ages. Some came in wheelchairs. Many people with AIDS were there.

Henry VonDiekoff had been a volunteer throughout the display of the quilt. "I think this has been very important for the community. Many of our important events have been social. This is so much more than that," he said.

Cleve Jones, executive director of the Names Project said, "I think we're all overwhelmed by how many people have come and how much love they have shown us. We have two major displays. We have been able to experience everything that goes into displaying the quilt. We will now analyze and rethink everything."

Scott Lago, production manager of the Names Project, said, "I am pleased because we pulled it off. Technically everything came off. The power is still there indoors."

For many of those remembered in the quilt, people brought flowers. One group arrived on Saturday with a Christmas tree which was placed on the quilt.

Rob Maier, a volunteer said, "I have been involved with the project since September and I have really come to believe in the message of the quilt, that AIDS affects more than just a certain number of people. It affects the family, the friends. People need to be compassionate, not fearful."

"People have been very solemn, very respectful. I have seen quite a bit of grieving," he said.

"In many ways it was similar to Washington. Being inside though you have a different feel. You don't have the outside noise which makes it a little more solemn," said Maier.

A blank panel on which people could write comments became the moving area of the quilt. People took off their shoes and crawled out to the center of the panel. Speaking of the blank panel, Scott Lago said, "It is so immediate because the emotion they carry from other panels they walk right over and write it down. I remember seeing one girl, whatever she wrote is bleeding, because her teardrops dissolved what she wrote. Some of the messages speak directly to people, like, 'How is Christmas in heaven?' A niece wrote a message to her uncle. It's like a barometer of what's happening here. It's wonderful."

### CRYING FOR ALL

Of another moment, Lago said, "I remember one man was standing on the quilt and he was crying very loudly. I asked him who he was crying for. He said, 'I don't know any of them. I'm crying for all of them.' At that point we almost started consoling each other."

Saturday afternoon a man dressed as Santa Claus came down the escalator to enter the quilt. His name is Attilio Grillo. He said, "I have dressed up for the last three years and to give out toys. I know what it can do for kids and I was hoping it would do that for people, make it a little easier."

"It moves me so much when I see little kids with tears in their eyes. Kids shouldn't be crying, none of us should be crying," he said.

Jason Keener said, "I became ill before the panel for Ted. They took a photograph so I would



A large panel was set aside for people to write the names of loved ones on the quilt at Moscone Center (Photo: Rink)

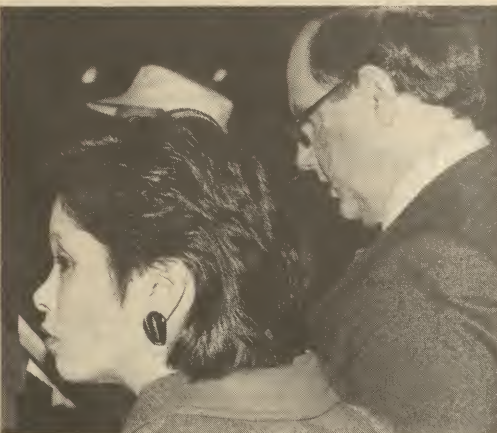
have a record. It's a symbol of my letting go. It's been four months and now that I'm ill I have to concentrate on me a little bit more. I have to let things go, including my life before. Everything is changed."

On the quilt, he said, "You know it's like the dentist. You hate to go. Once you go you're glad you went. It's the most healing thing I've done and it does more than a statistic or a blurb on TV. I don't know any of these people in this square, but I want to. It comes through that these were real people."

### WORDS CAN'T SAY

Jason designed the panel for his lover, Ted Hohl. "I wasn't going to put a name on the panel. When they told me I should have a name, I wanted his first name because it was personal. What is so great is they give you that kind of control. We were together nine years. I have been diagnosed with AIDS and that is why I didn't finish the panel. People came today who didn't even know he was gone," he said.

Mayor Feinstein commented on the planned tour of the quilt next Spring. The Names Project



Dave McElhatton and Wendy Tokuda in a reflective moment at Moscone (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)



Thousands of people visited the quilt at Moscone last weekend (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

is calling this a gift from the people of San Francisco to the country. Feinstein said, "I think it's a very touching gift. I think it's a gift for the world."

The mayor said that the quilt does things that could not be communicated by words. "I think it does the same thing that the Vietnam Memorial does. First of all it makes you so aware of the numbers, so aware of the different personalities. Just by looking at the panels you see the personalities. Very often the panel is in the environment of the individual so you get a feel a cross section of humanity involved. I think it is overwhelming. Everybody is young and that adds a dimension to it that makes it worse than cancer or anything else."

Friday Lily Tomlin visited the site. She was so moved she was forced to turn away from a television camera during an interview.



# Create Your Christmas

## Chase Away the Holiday Blues By Doing It Your Way

by Dennis McMillan

It's that time of year once again. That wonderful season that inspired such happy tunes as "I'll Have a Blue Christmas Without You" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas, If Only In My Dreams." Does contemplation of the yuletide season send visions of sugar plums dancing in your head? Or is it more like thoughts of sniping Frosty the Snowman with your little toy Mattel rifle? Perhaps you're more suicidal than homicidal. But take heart, before you take an overdose of red and green sleeping pills. Maybe you need to take some advice for the yuletide.

There are, in fact, two different reasons for you to experience holiday depression. The first is biological. The medical profession has officially proclaimed a seasonal affective disorder (note well that the abbreviation is S.A.D.) known as the Winter Blahs, with symptoms of over-eating, over-sleeping, sluggishness, and depression. (See? Now you have a viable reason for pigging out on turkey and sleeping for days!)

Scientists have discovered that during the winter months when we are exposed to less natural light, the pineal gland in the brain secretes an excessive amount of the hormone melatonin, which slows down the organism (you and me) and induces sleep. This explains many animals' natural tendency toward hibernation. Personally, during this season I would love to settle down for a long winter's nap, say two or three months. Now I know why.

There is a solution. Either you can book a flight to Mexico (or Tahiti) where the further south you go, the more natural light you get, and hence suppress your melatonin secretion. Or you can undergo phototherapy, whereby you gaze into eight tubes of full-spectrum fluorescent light a couple hours a day.

But what about the psychological aspects of the holiday blues and blahs? This is the time of year when everyone is expected to have a combination Hallmark Cards and Walton Family Christmas. Not easily achieved in the straight world, and next-to-impossible in the gay community!

Perhaps you are going back to your family of origin and have not bothered to come out to them yet. Or you've proudly proclaimed your proclivities to just about everyone, with the exception of little old Aunt Gertrude, who would suffer a small stroke if she met your lover while passing the Christmas cranberries. Maybe you are out to absolutely every member of the family, but in turn

feel as unwelcome as the Ghost of Christmas Past was at Scrooge's festivities.



This is a time to engage yourself in some serious soul-searching and preparation. You will no doubt feel a tremendous pull toward being the little boy or girl your family knew. This is not appropriate behavior for a thirty-year-old accountant. You need to visit your family with no expectations. Don't expect to be anyone different for them, and don't expect them to be different for you. If you can handle that, by all means fly home. But if this is going to be a time of make-believe (and I don't mean Santa, honey), better plan to spend your holidays in a more accepting setting.

So, you've got the family worries taken care of. But what about your gay family? You have come into your relationship with all kinds of holiday traditions. So has your lover. You feel Christmas is a time for an old-fashioned

evergreen tree strung with strands of popcorn and cranberries. Contrarily, he was brought up with a Macy's-type pink-flocked "tree" with tasteful silver-grey ornaments. 'Tis the season for compromise. Combine traditions.

Or better yet, create your own new traditions together. One couple I know of has decided it is a drag to spend hours in the kitchen slaving over a hot turkey with all the trimmings. So they now traditionally serve tacos, with plenty of festive red tomatoes and green lettuce.

I have established two delightful traditions in my annual yuletide repertoire. I read Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory* and rent a video of *It's a Wonderful Life*. The latter is an almost fool-proof method of reaffirming how important you are to everyone around you.

What do you do if you are not able to be with family or lover this season? First of all recognize that your source of depression could be coming from outside and not within. Just because Madison Avenue tells you that this is a special time of year when you absolutely must be surrounded by family and friends and doting lovers, does not make it so. It is all right to be alone. It's okay to have a blue Christmas.

But if you do not feel good

alone, reach out to someone and lift yourself out of yourself. This is an excellent time to volunteer to serve Christmas dinner at hospice or some other social service organization. The Godfather Service Fund is always delighted to have another Santa's helper help pass out presents to AIDS and ARC patients.

A final source of holiday unhappiness is the rampant commercialism associated with Christmas. Someone told us we were supposed to spend a fortune, so we do. We give presents to people who expect to get presents. We even give to people we don't like. Or we spend way too much on something someone will probably rush back to Saks and exchange. An alternative to buyer's remorse is to give something personal. Write a poem. Give a massage. Serve them breakfast in bed. Offer a certificate good for one day's work, maybe help clean out their basement or (shudder) drag closet.

If you give nothing else this season, give a smile. As you walk down the street, pass out a grin to everyone you meet. They'll probably rush out and exchange it.

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# 'Amis Du Coeur'

## New Local Wine Created For The Fight Against AIDS

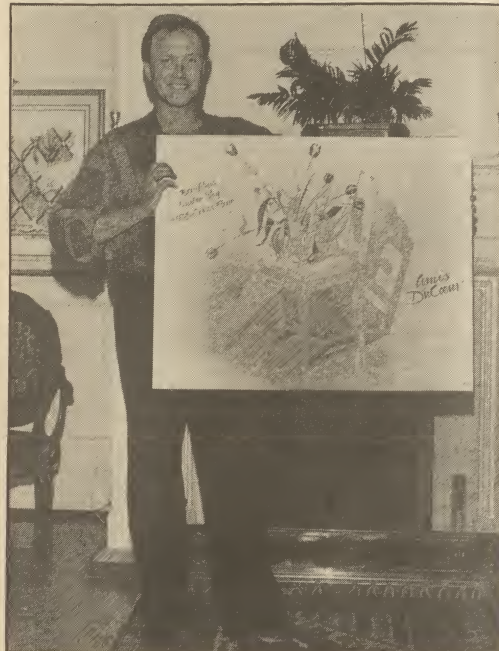
by Mary Richards

A custom-made wine has been created in San Francisco to raise money for the United Way's AIDS Crisis Fund. Within two months this special vintage, called "Amis Du Coeur" (Friends of the Heart), has donated \$15,000 to help him in the fight against the epidemic.

The AIDS Crisis Fund is the only one of its kind set up in the country. The first \$600,000 raised has been earmarked for Shanti and the SF AIDS Foundation. But all monies donated over and above that amount will go to benefit various AIDS organizations in the Bay Area. Smaller, local groups who wish to receive some of the allocated funds are advised to apply to the United Way early in January.

Art consultant Tom O'Connor and entrepreneur Dean Joyner heard about the United Way's campaign to provide major funding for Bay Area AIDS prevention and patient-support agencies and decided to be a part of it. Tom says they sought the help of "one of America's foremost winemakers," Dimitri Tchelistcheff. Dimitri is responsible for this "custom-crush" wine which is the only one of its kind on the market.

Almost everyone concerned with the project has donated their services so that it will be a success. Graphic layout, calligraphy, typesetting and color separations for the label were



Tom O'Connor shows off the label for Amis Du Coeur

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produced at no charge, and the label printer and bottler both assisted in the effort at greatly reduced rates. The artwork for the label was taken from a poster by Brian Kelley, a Canadian artist, who donated it to the winemakers.

"People have been wonderful, really helping us out with it," Tom said. "They love the idea that they can do something without having to do anything they wouldn't normally do. That's what I think is so great for the consumer, too. It's not like asking someone to go to a benefit or to write an extra check. You're going to the wine store anyway, and if you buy this, 25 percent of the proceeds go to funding the fight against AIDS."

### GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The initial release for the wine was 500 cases. To date 1,100 cases have been sold, and a new release is due out next week. "San Francisco is the only city that has an AIDS Crisis Fund," Tom said. "Because of the wine, and on the strength of how the wine is doing, they have now been talking to other chapters of the United Way. Sacramento has taken the wine and in one day our salesperson sold 80 or more cases. We originally hoped that we could raise three-quarters of a million dollars with this locally."

"Now we're seeing that we're going to be able to raise a lot more than that," he added, "because chapters [of the United Way] all over California are going to take it. The next thing, of course, will be people all over the country."

Restaurants, wine shops and grocery chains have reacted enthusiastically to this special vin-

tage. L'Etoile was the first restaurant to add it to its wine list, and it can also be enjoyed at Belden 22, Ivy's and Sutter's Mill, among others.

Gordon Breen, manager of Belden 22, bought three cases. "It is very difficult to make a commitment [to fighting the epidemic] when you have a job that takes a lot of time," Gordon said. "So this is my way of committing."

O'Connor said that most restaurants are wary of "benefit" wines because they will be offered a jug-quality wine in a bottle with a sophisticated label. But he added that this is not the case with Friends of the Heart.

"We went out of our way to make an excellent wine, because we wanted it to be a win situation," he said.

Amis Du Coeur can be purchased at major supermarkets throughout the Bay Area, as well as in specialty shops. The Ashbury Market, Liquor Express and Castro Village Wines all carry the vintage. It sells for \$8 in wine shops, and recommended restaurant retail price is \$10-\$12 per bottle.

United Way telemarketers are taking orders for Winestock Company, distributors, at 772-4000. If a customer orders a half case (6 bottles), it will be delivered to their door for \$49.00.

With the holidays approaching, what could be a better gift than a toast to life? And if you celebrate with Amis Du Coeur, Tom says, "instead of feeling terrible about the epidemic, you can at least feel that you are doing something. You're taking control—and that's a good experience to have."



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# Scientist Disputes HIV Theory Of AIDS

## Says Inactive Virus Can't Cause Disease; Symptoms May Obscure Cause

Despite worldwide attention given to HIV, the so-called AIDS virus, it may be highly unlikely that this virus causes AIDS, reports a professor of molecular biology at the University of California at Berkeley. Three criteria must be met before a virus can be said to function as a disease-causing agent, but almost none of the data demonstrates that this virus satisfies any of these criteria, writes Prof. Peter Duesberg.

A disease-causing virus "must be biochemically active. It must infect or intoxicate more cells than the host can regenerate or spare. And the host must be genetically or immunologically permissive," Duesberg writes.

But the "AIDS virus" is not biochemically active in AIDS patients. It is present in an extremely small percentage of the susceptible cells of AIDS patients. And it is a kind of virus (a retrovirus) that does not kill cells in order to survive. In fact, no human diseases have ever been attributed to retroviruses, says Duesberg.

Because it is so inactive in AIDS patients, the virus (known as HIV for Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may not contribute to the disease at all. Instead, it may just be part of the viral baggage carried by AIDS patients and many without AIDS, causing few ill effects, Duesberg writes.

Studies show that soon after people are infected with HIV, they develop antibodies to the virus, as is natural, Duesberg says. The presence of these antibodies—not the virus

itself—is what blood tests detect.

Antibody production is typically an indicator that the body has overcome an infection, Duesberg points out. Proponents of the HIV-AIDS connection, however, rely on antibody production as a sign that the virus will eventually overcome the body. This is an unorthodox interpretation of antibody production, Duesberg says.

At the time of infection, no AIDS symptoms appear. Genetic experiments indicate that all of the HIV virus genes are functioning at this time, Duesberg points out. There are no candidates for "latent" AIDS genes in the virus that could become active some five years after infection and cause AIDS then, as has been suggested, Duesberg says.

When AIDS symptoms do appear, laboratory tests show that the so-called AIDS virus is no longer active, Duesberg says.

So, when the virus is active, it triggers no AIDS symptoms; when AIDS symptoms arise, the virus is inactive. No other virus—or any other infectious

agent—is known to cause disease when it is inactive, Duesberg says. It is unlikely that HIV causes AIDS, he concludes.

HIV also fails to meet the criterion of infection in adequate numbers, Duesberg writes. It actively infects fewer than one in 10,000 to 100,000 susceptible cells, whereas other retroviruses, when they cause disease, infect nearly all susceptible cells.

In addition, the virus is said to incapacitate T-cells, one of the most critical components of the immune system. But, unlike the more common viruses that cause such diseases as influenza, herpes or hepatitis, retroviruses don't generally kill cells. They depend on living, multiplying host cells to survive, Duesberg points out. If HIV infects T-cells, those T-cells would have to stay alive and multiply to keep the retrovirus alive.

In short, Duesberg writes, no precedent exists for an inactive virus in very low concentrations causing disease or killing the host.

# Consumer Beware In HIV Testing

## State Investigating Private Centers; Testing for Profit Legal

by Jay Newquist

The need for regulation of private AIDS testing centers is generally accepted, but legislation is still far off, say observers. The AIDS Fraud Task Force attached to the California Attorney General's Office, is now investigating two clinics in San Francisco that have been linked to possibly fraudulent and unethical medical activity.

They are essentially unregulated and will likely remain so until the Task Force acts on a wealth of documentation supplied by groups like National Gay Rights Advocates.

The NGRA wrote the Task Force last Oct. 2 telling a horror story of medical unreliability, possible profiteering and lack of confidentiality of the AIDS Prevention Center affiliated with a group called the Stop AIDS Foundation (no relation to the Stop AIDS Project).

This HIV Test center sprouted when the free, alternative test sites funded by the state bogged down in some instances by a two-month waiting period for testing. Those test centers guarantee confidentiality as specified in California law.

### INCONCLUSIVE TESTS

NGRA complained to the Task Force's Mike Botwin in Los Angeles that Stop AIDS Foundation performs only the ELISA test and fails to perform confirmatory testing.

Individuals who test positive are told their results are "inconclusive," NGRA said. Clients are then allegedly told to go to approved test sites where they may have to wait for two months in agony before they can be tested again.

Dr. Timothy Sankary of the Stop AIDS Foundation objected to the NGRA allegations of profiteering and incompetency. He said he felt "burned" by recent newspaper reports and was hesitant to talk on the phone.

"It's sad this [criticism] comes at a time when there is so much to do," Dr. Sankary said glumly. He was unaware his clinic was under investigation by the AIDS Fraud Task Force. He said he did not know such an agency existed.

Mike Botwin of the Task Force explained this week that the attorney general could intervene in HIV testing center disputes only if people came forward to verify they were grossly overcharged.

"The fee has to be unconscionable, really outrageous," Botwin said, like charging a "300 percent markup on aspirin."

At present the private test centers are required only to test their blood samples at state-approved laboratories.

Botwin said the information supplied by NGRA and others was hearsay and could therefore not be taken seriously.

"We can't do much with general allegations," he said.

If there were fraud in AIDS testing, then legislation was the answer, Botwin said. He added that groups like NGRA should draft that legislation "because they were the most knowledgeable in the field."

Wasn't it an inherent obligation for the attorney general to draft legislation?

Yes, Botwin said, but in the



Ben Schatz (Photo: B.A.R.)

case of allegedly fraudulent AIDS testing centers, the proposed legislation should originate with an interest group like NGRA.

An AIDS Fraud Task Force official in San Francisco also reported his office on its own was following up on information.

### CENTERS LEGAL

Anthony Earley, an investigator for the Consumer Law Section of the attorney general's office, said the Stop AIDS Foundation was under current scrutiny.

NGRA also targeted Bio Medic Corporation, which sells AIDS test kits at "less than \$20" for testing at home "in privacy, with an accuracy of 99 percent," they claim.

Earley stipulated, however, that there were no official complaints lodged against any of the freelance clinics in San Francisco.

"All agree that it's legal to operate for profit, and I have no problem as long as the tests are accurate," Earley said.

Are the HIV tests accurate?

At NGRA, Ben Schatz sticks to his guns. "I believe these charges represent only the tip of the iceberg," said Schatz, who is director of the AIDS Civil Rights Project of NGRA.

"It is our hope that our evidence demonstrates that the problem is a systemic one, not confined to one or two companies, and that the solution must be systemic as well," said Schatz.



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## DEATHS

### Tim Faull

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Tim died after a 14-month struggle with AIDS. He was employed for many years as a sales representative with Haas Bros. in San Francisco, and had long standing interests in history, travel, and gardening.



A native of Southern California, Tim moved to San Francisco in the early 1970s from New York City, where he had become a graduate of Pace College after service in the U.S. Navy.

Tim's family and friends are grateful for the support he received from Shanti and to the staffs of Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center and VNA Homecare, who eased the way for him with unending care over the months.

After a funeral mass at St. Dominic's in San Francisco, interment was in Blythe, Calif.

For further information, call 552-6779.

### Demetrius Pollard

2/15/56 - 12/9/87

Demetrius slipped peacefully into death with his mother and lover at his side after a brief but courageous battle with AIDS.

Self-employed Demetrius could come and go as he pleases. This allowed him to travel throughout the world. He was a free-spirit who enjoyed life with the same enthusiasm he displayed when he enjoyed good food, music and his other great love, cars. It was always his warm smile and beautiful brown eyes which embraced you before his arms could do so. He was truly a special man.

Demetrius will be missed by his loving parents, Leon and Hattie; sisters and brothers; Volker, his lover, and his many friends too numerous to mention. Family and friends extend their heartfelt appreciation to the staffs of Wards 5-A and 86, Shanti and Hospice.

Demetrius, thank you for being a friend. We love you and we miss you. ●

### Tom Smith

Thomas Michael Smith left us on Dec. 19, he had been suffering from severe ARC for several months.



He was very grateful to be a loving member of the 12-step programs of Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous. His many dear friends, Bing, Paul, Robin, Jerry, Hal and Cass, to name just a few, knew what a loving, delightful person he was.

He will live forever in our hearts and in the light. Information on services—please call Bing at 863-2058. Donations can be made to the charity of your choice. ●

### Stephen Michael Clark

Steve left this earth in peace on Dec. 13 in San Francisco after a long fight with AIDS. A talented pianist, avid Francophile and loving friend, he touched those around him with his humor, love of life, boundless creativity and generosity.

Born in Toledo, Ohio on July 5, 1956, Stephen grew up in nearby Sylvania, studied piano and composition at the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University, and worked for two years at the French Consulate before moving to San Francisco in 1982. He was employed in the field of hotel management until his illness.



Stephen leaves behind his lover, Christopher, of San Francisco, his parents Joyce and Charles Racine, his sister, Lisa Cisowski, stepbrothers Marc and Charles Racine, grandparents Delight Clark and

### Leon Hampton

(Empress of Portland 1-2-3½)

Leon Hampton (Empress of Portland 1-2-3½), beloved friend of the community, died of heart failure Dec. 20. He is survived by his mother Lou Pittman; son, Michael Hampton; and daughter, Kathy Klinge.



Familiarly known as "Rose" to his many friends and extended family, he was a well known bartender and waiter in the city for many years.

Rose was a contributor and participant in many charitable functions over the years. Notable among his works were Tessie's holiday dinners.

He will be truly missed.

No services will be held but a celebration of his being will be held at the Kokpit on Sunday, Jan. 3 from 9 a.m.-Noon.

For information call Mr. Lee-Ona 775-3260. ●

Selma and Horace Nichols, all of Ohio. In addition, he leaves many saddened friends and co-workers who will miss him very much.

A memorial service was held Dec. 15 in San Francisco, with family services and burial in Ohio on Dec. 18. Donations in his memory to Family Link, Shanti Project or your favorite charity are appreciated.

We love you, Stephen. ●

### Darrell Williams

1938-1987

A native of Vallejo, Darrell moved to San Francisco in 1960, he worked for BART during construction and then worked for Muni.



During those years he was known and loved by many people who will miss his delightful company.

Darrell died recently after a long illness. He will be interred next to his parents' grave in Vallejo.

May you find peace at last, dear friend. ●

### Robert E. Derosier

(Bobbie)

Bobbie passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday morning, Dec. 20, after a courageous battle with AIDS. He was born in Spencer MA on Dec. 21, 1933.

In 1968, he moved to San Francisco where he was employed for several years in industry. At various times, he worked at the Horny Owl Bar on O'Farrell St. He was a member of the San Franciscan Bike

Club and was a Knight for the Court Perry/Miss Gay San Francisco.



His love for Kites inspired him and his lover of 13 years, Eddie, to fulfill his dream and open Kites Forever in Half Moon Bay in 1985.

He will always be remembered by his lover, family, friends and buddies for his generous spirit, wit, good humor, concern for other people and his enormous love for unicorns.

In loving memory his lover Eddie and Joan Ritter, Eddie's sister, request contributions be made to ELLIPSE-Peninsula AIDS Services, 631 Woodside Road, Redwood City CA 94061.

A memorial gathering will be held for Bobbie at the home of Eddie Thrift, 480 Cypress Ave., Half Moon Bay on Sat., Dec. 26 at 2 p.m. ●

### Daryl Glied

Daryl Glied left us recently after a long battle with AIDS. He was a founder of the Tavern Guild, then a drinking, social group.



He worked in many bars in the city which he helped make popular. He shall be missed by many, many of the friends he made throughout the years, not only here but in Portland, OR.

You fought a great battle, Daryl. ●

## Gannett Grants \$125K For Home Care

### Will Train Home Care Teams

A program to help San Francisco Bay Area people with AIDS who are too sick to live independently has received a \$125,000 grant from the Gannett Foundation's Community Priorities (CPP). The award is to Hospice of San Francisco (HSF), a division of Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center and Hospice Program. HSF will train and share information with staff at agencies caring for AIDS patients in their homes or in residential centers such as Coming Home Hospice, funded in part by a 1986 Gannett CPP grant of \$120,000.

Helping those with AIDS is a community priority in the nine county San Francisco Bay Area, where about 1,400 people have AIDS and 60 need daily home health-care. Projections show that by 1991, 5,000 AIDS sufferers will live in the area, and about 400 will require home health-care.

Gannett Outdoor of Northern California recommended the proposal to the Gannett Foundation. The Hospice of San Francisco award is among 30 grants totaling \$3.5 million in 29 locations throughout the United States where Gannett companies operate.

With the Gannett CPP grant, Hospice of San Francisco plans to hold three two-day seminars in the first six months of the training project. Multi-disciplinary

teams familiar with the "San Francisco model" of home health care will conduct the sessions. These teams will include hospice program directors, registered nurses, social workers, paraprofessional attendants and volunteers.

The teams will discuss how to provide medical care, psychological counseling and household help in a cost-effective way that takes some of the strain off more traditional medical-care providers such as hospitals. HSF expects to reach about 125 people at each of the seminars.

The 1987 winners of CPP, the Gannett Foundation's largest competitive grant program, were announced Dec. 15 by Gannett Foundation President Eugene C. Dorsey at the year-end meetings of the Foundation and Gannett Co., Inc. in Washington, D.C. ●



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about bigotry. Sup. Harry Britt introduced legislation to the Board of Supervisors which urged the city not to bring the 1996 Olympic Games here. Britt pointed to U.S. Olympic Committee harassment of Gay Games founder Dr. Thomas Waddell as well as USOC's refusal to allow Gay Games to use the word, "Olympic."

Meanwhile, the Canadian province of Ontario gave final approval to a bill which adds sexual orientation to the province's human rights code.

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Just call them "gay dollars." Two Chicago gay bar owners, Frank Kellas and Marge Summit, decided to show what an impact the gay community has had on the national economy.

Kellas and Summit marked dollar bills with the legend, "Gay \$." Attorney Anton R. Balukas sent federal agents to serve summons to the two bar owners. But Kellas and Summit continued to

mark up the dollars, which was originally intended as a response to the failure of the Chicago City Council to add "sexual orientation" to the Windy City's Human Rights Code.

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R. Foster Winans, a gay columnist with the Wall Street Journal, wasn't giving in to a criminal conviction which charged that he profited from insider knowledge about the stock market. Winans announced in January that he would fight his conviction, as well as that of his lover David Carpenter, to the United States Supreme Court.

Winans lost his case in December.

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A men's baseball team brought suit against the Women's Training Center. The Ballbusters allege they were discriminated against by the WTC. Three Ballbusters say they were refused permission to use the facilities of the WTC.

Attorneys for the WTC denied all charges. One of the attorneys, Barbara Brenner, asked one of



Harry Britt announces his intention to run for Congress

(Photo: S. Savage)

the plaintiffs, Guillermo Alcaraz, whether the Ballbusters had

female members. Alcaraz replied negatively which prompted Brenner to add, "I can't imagine any women that I know playing on a team called the Ballbusters."

★ ★ ★

The San Francisco Chronicle said it didn't have a policy which prohibited mention of lovers or companions in Chron obituaries for gay men and lesbians. However, the self-proclaimed "Voice of the West" irritated the gay and lesbian community to the point where it met with the community to soothe things over.

The Chron said it would print some names of some lovers.

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And now, it's time for "Republicans on Parade." Thirty-two Republican legislators demanded that State Supt. of Schools, Bill Honig, refrain from teaching unsuspecting California school kids neutral information about homosexuality. One GOP'er, Bev

Hansen of Santa Rosa, told B.A.R. that state law "says we have to teach Judeo-Christian ethics."

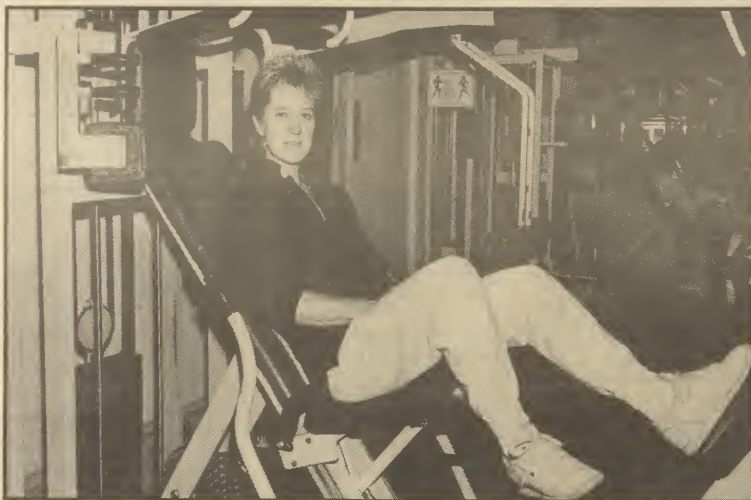
Thus speaketh the Theocratic Thirty-Two.

Republicans on Parade—The Sequel: Gov. George Deukmejian decided to offer the appointment of A.A. "Del" Pierce as the new director of the state's Department of Motor Vehicles. The gay and lesbian community was outraged. A little more than three years earlier, Pierce was alleged to have made the following comment about a gay rights bill:

"Oh, I know how to handle that problem. Just give me a sub-machine gun."

The Duke and Pierce denied the statement. Three former Pierce associates swore under oath that Pierce expressed anti-gay attitudes, but Deukmejian got his confirmation through a 28-4 vote.

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Betty Doza of the Women's Training Center is in the fight of her life (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)



Jose Sarria, aka The Widow Norton, on her way out of town (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

## RESOLUTIONS

For 1988—

- Decide about this relationship, once and for all
- Start new workout program
- Spend more time with friends
- Become a Shanti volunteer

The next Practical Support Training is the weekend of January 29th.

The next Emotional Support Training begins the weekend of February 5th and continues on February 12th.

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## Review

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There was good news in the East Bay just before January turned into February. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors okayed \$50,000 for AIDS case management services, a la Shanti. Two days later, the Board of Directors for Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) adopted a policy which prohibited sexual orientation discrimination by persons doing business with BART.

### FEBRUARY: QUARANTINES AND LIBERACE

The thankfully dead body of Prop. 64 was barely dead when the lesbian and gay community received another shock. It came just before Valentine's Day, but it was hardly anything to promote feelings of love.

The California Conference of Local Health Officers on Feb. 5 considered a plan to recommend quarantine of persons "suspected to be willingly spreading" AIDS.

But with the bad news comes good news. Thanks to the efforts of National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission (CFEHC) announced that AIDS was to be protected as a handicap under the California civil rights law.

The AIDS death toll continued. The Valentine's week editions of B.A.R. contained over two pages of obituaries. Some of the names included Liberace, the famous entertainer; Herb Finger, a renowned chef who once cooked for President Reagan; and Bill Shepardson, an interior designer who helped in the design of

Davies Symphony Hall.

There was some hope in the MonitoRadio situation. KQED station manager sent a letter to the Christian Science Publishing Society in which he chided the religious publishing firm for its anti-gay attitudes. "Most of the country's best journalists would not be considered 'qualified' for Monito Radio," said Tiano.

Give 'em hell, Harry! Gay Sup. Harry Britt announced his candidacy for U.S. Congress. The seat opened up when Rep. Sala Burton died.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10, Britt dodged rain drops on the steps of City Hall and declared with a hoarse voice that he wanted to go to Washington. Having heard that Mayor Dianne Feinstein thought his entry would create a "bloodbath" among local Democrats, the feisty Britt said, "What's wrong with a bloodbath? When things are uncontested, no issues are raised."

Feinstein also was considering a run at the job. Britt invited DiFi to defy him and join the bloodbath. This kind of spirit helped "Give'Em-Hell-Harry" to run a magnificent campaign against a powerful Democratic Party which didn't want any mavericks.

Britt barely lost to Nancy Pelosi, but he rightfully took bows for a tough effort.

Happy Birthday! The San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps celebrated its tenth birthday when it marched in the Chinese New Year's Parade.



Empress Tina Tanner is indeed a big girl for a big job

(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

The city of Concord showed what it thought of gay folks by eliminating the word "gay" from the workplan of the Concord Human Relations Commission. Concord gays and lesbians wanted to plan a Gay Freedom Week for the East Bay community, but Mayor Ron Mullin, up for re-election, said that kind of celebration would be "inappropriate."

Older members of the lesbian and gay community thought back with sadness but appreciation. They found out on Feb. 10 they had lost a real friend from the straight community, Sol Stoumen. For years, Sol ran the legendary Black Cat, one of the greatest gay bars of all time. He was 75.

Sol ran The Cat in the days when gay men could not kiss in gay bars. He fought for us in the

courts to rid San Francisco of archaic anti-gay laws. He was a great friend.

KQED got into more hot water with the community. Comedian Danny Williams charged that the PBS affiliate expressed interest in his comedy routine, but told him not to use "gay material" at the Punch Line, a straight nightclub. The producer of KQED's *Comedy Tonight* show, Frank Zamacona, denied that he told Williams to can the gay material.

The Big Girl got The Big Job. Tina Turner was elected as the 22nd Empress of San Francisco at the lavish Coronation Ball. Patrick McGonigle was chosen as the 15th Emperor.

On Feb. 19, Coming Home Hospice opened its 15-bed facility next to Most Holy Redeemer Church, which donated the building. A fundraising campaign netted \$704,000 and made the Hospice possible.

Dr. David Werdegard, director of the city's Department of Public Health, called Coming Home "a model to the nation for the difficult area of care, care for those who are dying."

### MARCH: A FRIEND FROM THE FEDS

Assemblyman Art Agnos caught the wrath of the lesbian and gay community when he proposed that people at the AIDS/ARC Vigil close shop. Agnos offered to bring U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop to the Vigil site as long as vigilers promised to leave the site. Agnos said he would be the vigilers' advocate and would help them find alternative living conditions.

Members of the vigil accused Agnos of grandstanding for moderate and conservative voters.

The Supreme Court surprised us on March 3. The Court, which at best can be described as moderate, voted 7-2 to beef up a federal law which prohibits discrimination against handicapped people. The Court said the law should also protect people with contagious diseases from on-the-job bias.

And now for a change, a little more good news. The popular rock group, Huey Lewis and The News, donated \$225,000 to SF General Hospital and UC-San Francisco for a brand new AIDS training program.

We're Ferrysburgers and we're proud. In 1857, the little town of

Ferrysburg was incorporated in Michigan. In recent years, Ferrysburg and a neighboring city, Fruitport, have come under heavy ridicule from homophobes for obvious reasons. Ferrysburgers were asked in a referendum to change the town's name.

They just said no.

One of the greatest stories during the AIDS crisis has been that of C. Everett Koop. The U.S. Surgeon General is a deeply religious man, a conservative man, the kind of man one would normally think is a walking robot of Today's Arch-Conservative White House.

But Koop has been a friend of the lesbian and gay community. He came to Sacramento and told a Joint Assembly of the California Legislature that education was the best weapon in the fight against AIDS.

This has been, of course, what gay people have said all along. Koop acknowledged that and also passed along to liberals and conservatives alike the need for compassion for people with AIDS and ARC, not condemnation.

Koop came under heavy fire from arch-conservatives, especially in the Republican Party.

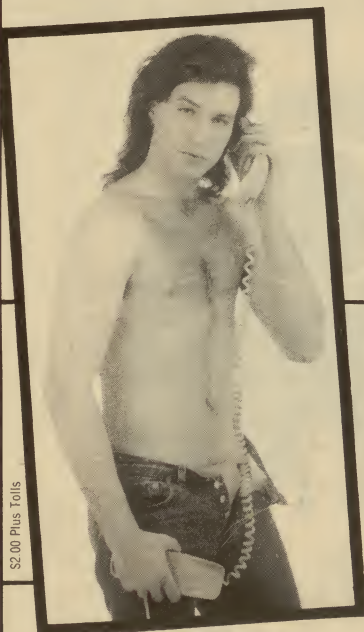
Very quietly, the Names Project was started. Cleve Jones and his friends began sewing panels of quilt together with the names of friends lost to AIDS. Before the month of October would be over, the quilt would become a great symbol of gay and lesbian strength.

French and African researchers reported initial success in creating an AIDS vaccine. The vaccine prompted immune responses among people who previously had not been exposed to the virus. Meanwhile in the United States, Bristol-Meyers, a drug company, announced it would seek federal approval to begin human trials on an AIDS vaccine.

We should not think that all big names in the federal government are against us. Certainly, Surgeon General Koop proved that. Secretary of State George Schultz mentioned us during a three-day State Dept. conference about plans for the U.S. Holocaust Museum.

Schultz brought out a fact which arch-conservatives like to forget. He said that Nazi reign of terror included not just Jews, but also "gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, the handicapped, homosexuals and political opponents of the National Socialist regime."

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# BAY AREA REPORTER GREATER BAY NEWS

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

### D.C. Court Rules For Gays Against Georgetown U.

by Gregory Douthwaite

Gay students at Georgetown University have won their fight for equal rights. The Washington D.C. Court of Appeals ruled Nov. 20 that the nation's oldest Roman Catholic institution of higher learning must stop discriminating against gays.

In a powerfully pro-gay decision, the court ruled that the District of Columbia has a "compelling interest" in banning anti-gay discrimination which cannot be outweighed by Georgetown's right to freedom of religion.

The ruling marks the first time that a state's highest court—to which the D.C. Court of Appeals is equivalent—has ruled that banning discrimination against gays has the same important constitutional status as banning discrimination against blacks and women.

The decision sets a legally binding precedent only in the District of Columbia, where discrimination based on sexual orientation has been outlawed since 1977.

However, Nan Hunter, director of the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the decision would have a "tremendously important impact on strengthening the validity of local human rights statutes across the country."

#### 'GRAVELY EVIL'

Gay students filed the lawsuit against Georgetown in 1980, after two unsuccessful attempts to gain "university recognition" status for their student groups.

Georgetown fought the suit, arguing that granting recognition would undermine the church's belief that homosexual acts are "gravely evil and a disordered use of the sexual faculty."

A trial court ruled in 1981 that Georgetown was violating D.C.'s Human Rights Act, but was entitled to do so under the first amendment guarantee to free exercise of religion.

The appeals court ruling overturned that verdict. By a 5-2 vote, it ruled that the university must provide gay students with all the tangible benefits which accompany "university recognition" status.

However, the court ruled that Georgetown does not have to publicly endorse the gay groups, as that would infringe on their freedom of speech. "The Human Rights Act demands actions, not words," the judges wrote. "It was not intended to be an instrument of mind control."

Clint Hockenberry, one of the students who filed the lawsuit, said they never wanted the university's endorsement anyway. "Would Jesse Jackson want the

endorsement of the Ku Klux Klan?" he asked rhetorically.

Gay students at Georgetown will now get office space, a mailbox and mailing services, a bulletin board, and use of meeting rooms. They have the right to apply for university funding. They will also try to recover \$1 million in attorney's fees from the university.

Leonard Graff, the attorney who pressed the original charges "against Georgetown," said he was "exhilarated" by the verdict. "This shows the resolve of our community," he said. "We knew we were right all along. Now we are vindicated."

Graff, now director of National Gay Rights Advocates, said the 171-page ruling is "so well-written and so persuasive" that it is likely to have an "extraordinary influence throughout the nation."

Writing for the Court of Appeals majority, Judge Julia Mack called discrimination based on sexual orientation "a grave evil that damages society as well as its immediate victims."

Mack noted that homosexual and bisexual persons have been a part of society "from time immemorial." Although the origins of homosexuality have not yet been determined, the idea that homosexuality is a form of mental illness has been widely abandoned, she wrote.

"Despite its irrelevance to individual merit, a homosexual or bisexual orientation invites ongoing prejudice in all walks of life," she wrote. "Only by eradicating discrimination... could the District eliminate recurrent personal injustice and build a society which encourages and expects the full contribution of every member of the community in all their diversity and potential."

#### SAME MEANING

Mack quoted activist Mel Boozier in his 1980 address to the Democratic National Convention. "I know what it means to be called a nigger," he said, "and I know what it means to be called a faggot, and I can sum up the difference in one word: none."

In a dissenting opinion, Judge Frank Nebeker blasted the majority for "forcing a religious body, contrary to its basic tenets, to provide services and facilities to those who advocate and proselytize abnormal and criminal sexual practices."

### Naylor Rebukes LaRouche Initiative

California Republican Party Chairman Bob Naylor today bluntly condemned the proposed LaRouche AIDS Initiative which has been cleared for the June 1988 ballot, calling it an "instant replay deserving instant rejection."

The AIDS measure is sponsored by supporters of political extremist Lyndon LaRouche. The text of the proposed initiative is identical to that proposed to the voters in Nov. 1986, and which was soundly rejected.

"This latest LaRouche gimmick is a carbon copy of the last one," said Naylor. "In 1986, the California Republican Party joined with the California Democrat Party to oppose that measure, condemning LaRouche's involvement and scare tactics."

In addition to the state GOP, the 1986 AIDS measure was also opposed by most elected officials and virtually all recognized health organizations including the American Medical Association.

"It is highly unlikely the Republican Party will turn around and support this latest ploy," said Naylor. "It's an instant replay that deserves instant rejection."

Naylor criticized the initiative's spokesmen and LaRouche himself who say that this measure is essentially the same as what the Republican Party endorsed at its recent convention. "Those statements are completely misrepresenting the facts," said Naylor. "There was nothing at

our convention that made any reference to their initiative. That debate was about what kind of AIDS education literature the public should be supporting."

He pointed out that the first LaRouche initiative raised objections because of wording that called for quarantine and isolation statutes and regulations, and requirements that infected persons or even persons suspected of being infected with the AIDS virus be reported without adequate confidentiality safeguards.

"This initiative could result in increasing the risk of AIDS to all Californians, since AIDS victims and high risk individuals would avoid testing and identification," said Naylor.

"We don't need another LaRouche proposal crowding the serious debate on AIDS. We need a bipartisan atmosphere that will act to protect and inform our society, fund research needs, and show compassion for the afflicted," Naylor concluded.

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### Pacific Center Plans 8-Week Group For Gay Asians

The Pacific Center for Human Growth will hold an Asian Gay Men's Support Group every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for an eight-week session beginning Jan. 5.

Gay Asian men of all ages are encouraged to attend. Among topics to be discussed are:

- Growing up gay and Asian
- Coming out to your family and friends
- Racial and sexual stereotyping
- Relationships with other men
- Safe sexual practices
- Developing healthy self-images

Support group members will be encouraged to discuss topics of their own choosing as well. The Asian Gay Men's Support Group is a part of the Pacific Center for Human Growth's outreach program to Asians and other gay men of color.

Interested parties must attend the first session on Jan. 5 for registration. The Pacific Center is located at 2712 Telegraph Avenue at Derby Street in Berkeley. For further information about the Asian Gay Men's Support Group, please call (415) 626-2278.



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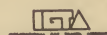
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## EPISTOLARY BESTOWMENT (A "Letters, I Get Letters" Nose)

**Billet-Doux I:** "Dear Lovely Nez, Another year is almost over; I'm finished with my work for a little while. This year has been one of my most difficult.

"My May 1st Dinner was the hardest. Thanks must be given to Sammy (T&C) and Rob Miller (Spoiled Brat); they saved my life. I don't think I'll ever do that type of thing again.

"What bothered me the most: was the one who invited a certain bartender to my \$50-a-plate dinner. The guest complained, was rude to the waiters, and thought he was soooo elegant. Well, his elegant check bounced and was never made good! I have an award for him—The Jerk of the Year, 1987.

"The October 18th Auction at T&C was fun and ended very well. Nov. 7 my show at the Spoiled Brat was wonderful thanks to Pauline, Jim Brown, and Terracita—and the lovely sweet boys from the Spoiled Brat. ("My sweet Antonio.")

"The Revol Memorabilia Auction was something that was just plain lovely.

"I thank all the lovely and wonderful people who have been so faithful, especially the "rich" girls. And, Peter and Ralph, thank you so much. Oh, and the lovely Hansine and Mike, too. Eddie Paulson was always there when I needed him. Of course, I was always there when he needed me, too! Many thanks to a very special person.

"I'll be back in the spring. Love, Little Mother."

**Billet-Doux II:** "Heart to Heart, a recipe for love in the East Bay. Mix together one cup EBAF directors, one cup Val Sousa's In Memory Fund, one cup Mama Chuckles' BASH, 1/2 cup Frank and Connie, 1/2 cup Carol Hunter, and 1/2 cup Terry

and Marge. Add a pinch of Carlos and Tootsi, two dashes from the Montoya house, a touch of Mosey and John Thomas, and equal parts of Lady Lennie, Marlow, and Stella (stirred gently by Jack Eberhart).

"To this combine one cup loving care from the people at Bench & Bar, with equal amounts of Big Mama's and Spoiled Brat.

"Stir in a pinch of Ugly Sister #5, Suzie, and as much of Paul Moulton as you can stand. Season lightly with Patty Rose and Michael Smart from Fairmont Hospital.

"Sprinkle generously with all those who have supported and paid up over the past year. Mix gently and top with all the love you can give Little Mother and Eddie Paulson.

"Serve in large portions to show how much love can be found in the East Bay. Affectionately, Sam (T&C)."

And, it's hella non-fattening, too!

## DISENCHANTED ASSEMBLAGE (An "Is THAT it?" Nose)

The ISE's Christmas Tree contest and bake auction, last week at Town & Country, didn't quite have the same posture that was part and parcel of last year's event. What was missing was obvious—conifers, comestibles, and clientele.

Only two trees were offered for competition (one being an hour and a half late!). It was announced, however that four more were being donated, but wouldn't be in the judging. A total of seven edibles were proffered for auction, bringing in a sizable \$227. There were additional donations of \$10 and \$20, respectively.

It is unfortunate that sufficient time wasn't allocated for this event. Last-minute functions, if you will, are always hard pressed for participants at this extremely busy (and costly!) time of the year. Those trees bring much happiness and love to the recipients. I hope next year the planning will allow sufficient time for many more entries.

It was somewhat bemusing that of the two trees submitted for judging, only one was from the ISE. If the members of the court won't support this kind of event, how can the populace be expected to endorse it?

Previously there had been a series of stuffed animal raffles at Paradise, and an additional \$500.04 was contributed to the coffers of ISE.

(Wadda ya mean my lemon cakes gave heartburn to Ralph B. and Marvin?)

## FILAMENTS OF FONDNESS (A Compassionate Nose)

How about that Jim Sanchez! He never toots his own horn, so if you'll bear with me, I'll toot it for him.

Jim is one of four East Bay residents who was honored by reading the names from the Names Project Memorial Quilt at Moscone Center on Thursday, Dec. 17. He also had quite a write-up in the hometown paper.

According to the article, Jim was concerned about the hysteria of his customers when he was a bartender at Lake Lounge, when it was discovered that one of the regulars had AIDS. Jim enrolled in a 40-hour training class through AIDS Project of the East Bay and became very involved in Bartenders Against AIDS. He then became further involved in AIDS issues, both professionally and as a volunteer.



"Being a bartender," Jim said, "you have to know what's going on. My initial motivation was not political but 'anger' at the ignorance of the community and the belief that AIDS could be transmitted through casual contact."

When the Names Project was launched, Jim contributed his energies by working on a panel for Richard Clayberg, who had been a member of Jim's square dance group. "I'm not a quitter," admitted Jim. "My sewing the quilt, just like the task of reading the names, is a form of completion; a way of saying goodbye."

Jim, you're one hell of a guy!

## FARRAGO (A Goulash Nose)

Mama Chuckles proudly, and happily, announced that he received the keys to the first BASH house on Wednesday, Dec. 16. Way to go, Chuckles! Now, let's hope all the volunteers fulfill their commitments to work.

Don't forget there will be two general meetings for all those who pledged their help for BASH. They will be held Saturday, Jan. 9. The first will be at Big Mama's at 10 a.m., and the second will be at Bench & Bar at 2 p.m. With my weekly reminders and Mama Chuckles' constant badgering, want to bet there will be some who'll say they either forgot or didn't know about the meetings?

Suzie had a spontaneous(?) "Hang Balls With Suzie" shindig at the Lake Lounge and raised an impressive \$416 for BASH.

I was told there were 136 Christmas stockings stuffed at Paradise Friday evening, Dec. 18. The following Saturday they, along with the trees, were distributed to East Bay hospitals. A tip of Nez's nose to all who aided and abetted in this seasonal spirit of giving.

The "Tonight of Togetherness" held at the Kokpit in San Francisco raised \$275 for the money chest of BASH. According to all reports, the event was very successful and just may be repeated.

A huge thank you to Bob Ross and the staff of BAR for the wonderful Christmas party held at the Comstock in San Francisco. It's always fun to put a face with the names of the contributors I read in this paper.

May all the joys of this holiday season be with you and yours, and may the new year bring happiness and fulfillment. I smile sincerely at that.

Love, Nez



## Church Gives Away Free Bibles

**SAN JOSE**—To show its appreciation to the gay and lesbian community of San Jose, Holy Trinity Community Church will give away free Bibles. They will be available at the following locations: Our Paper Office, 973 Park Ave.; The Savoy, 3546 Flora Vista Drive, Santa Clara; Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Ave., The Watergarden, 1010 The Alameda; The Landing, 448 W. Santa Clara; Macs Club, 349 S. 1st Street; Renegades, 393 Stockton Ave.; and 641 Club, 461 Stockton Ave.

For more information, call (408) 292-3071 or a 24-hour hotline (408) 293-AIDS (2437).

## Vortex To Host Gay Dance On Jan. 10

**PALO ALTO**—On Sunday, Jan. 10, the Vortex will be hosting a special gay and lesbian dance from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The Vortex is a modern music dance nightclub located in Palo Alto about one mile from Stanford University. The club features an unusually artistic decor, full bar service and a large dance floor.

People who are 18 and over are welcome to this special event. Cover charges are \$2 for those 21 years of age and up and \$4 for those 18-20 years old. Proper identification is required for proof of age.

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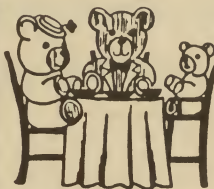


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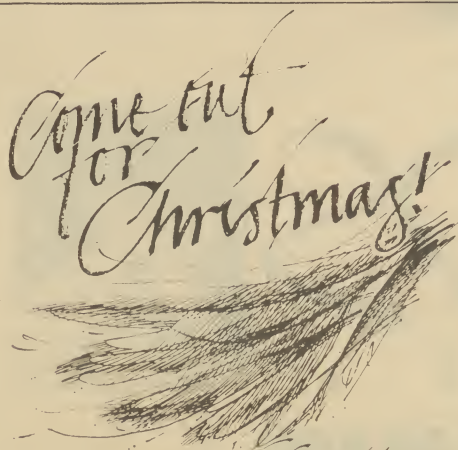
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- **Fraternal Order of Gays:** Christmas social, FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr., S.F., 5-11 PM, \$14. Gift drawings, gift exchange, caroling, and refreshments. Call 641-0999 for more information.
- **San Francisco FrontRunners:** Christmas Day run. Meet at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park at 10 AM to run around either Stow Lake or Lloyd Lake. Call 647-3227 or 337-8704 for more information.
- **San Francisco MCC:** Christmas Day service, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 10 AM. Followed by an open Christmas dinner.
- **Integrity:** community Christmas supper, carols, and simple Eucharist, St. John's in the Mission, 1661 15th St., S.F., 4 PM. Bring a dish, help cook, or help set up/clean up.
- **Church of the Secret Gospel:** service, 746 Clementina St., Apt. 2, S.F., 9 PM. Males 18+ welcome. Call 621-3887 for more information.
- **Eddie Da Costa:** music, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Call 621-6766 for reservations.
- **Sing-A-Long:** with Frank Banks on the piano, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-8 PM.
- **Dick Fregulia:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8-30 PM.



Sharon McNight will be at City Cabaret  
New Year's Eve

## SATURDAY 26

- **Ignacio Moran Quartet:** music, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Call 621-6766 for reservations.
- **EastBay FrontRunners:** Lake Merritt run. Meet at the corner of 14th and Oak streets near the Cameron Stanford House at 9:30 AM. Up to four miles, flat. Call 939-3579 or 261-3246 for more information.

- **San Francisco MCC:** men's potluck, 4617 18th St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Call 285-3223 for more information.
- **Church of the Secret Gospel:** phallic fellowship, 746 Clementina St., Apt. 2, S.F., 8 PM. Males 18+ welcome. Call 621-1887 for more information.
- **Mark Levine:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM.
- **San Francisco FrontRunners:** Meet at Stow Lake Boathouse in Golden Gate Park, S.F., at 9 AM. No-host brunch follows; beginners welcome. Call 647-3227 or 337-8704 for more information.
- **Different Spokes/San Francisco:** decide and ride. Meet at 1 PM at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park, S.F. to decide on a ride.

## SUNDAY 27

- **Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders:** women's tea dance for older lesbians (60+) and friends, 30th Street Senior Center, 225 30th St., S.F., 2-5 PM, music and refreshments. Call 626-7000 for more information.
- **Black and White Men Together:** couples group Christmas potluck, 824 Fell St., S.F., 4-9 PM. Call 861-3990 for more information.
- **Faith Winthrop and Gus Gustavson:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM.
- **San Francisco FrontRunners:** Gashouse Cove run. Meet at 10 AM at the parking lot across from the Marina Safeway. Up to five miles to Ft. Point and back along the waterfront. Call 647-3227 or 337-8704 for more information.
- **Gay Volleyball:** playground at Petro Jr. High, 19th and DeHar, 11 AM.
- **Different Spokes/San Francisco:** decide and ride. Meet at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park, S.F., at 10 AM to decide on a ride.
- **Tsunami Masters Swim Team:** practice, King Pool, Third and Carroll sts., S.F., 10 AM to noon. Call 285-5659 for more information.
- **Integrity:** Christmas celebration, St. John's in the Mission, 1661 15th St., S.F., 5:30 PM. Service of carols; homily by Rev. Jerry Brown; reception follows.
- **Affirmation:** Gay and Lesbian Mormons: discussion, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7 PM. Ron Kershaw will facilitate a discussion on setting and achieving goals. Call 641-4554 for more information.
- **San Francisco MCC:** morning worship and holy communion, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 10:30 AM.
- **Diablo Valley MCC:** worship and communion service, 2253 Concord Blvd., Concord, 10 AM. Call 827-2960 for more information.
- **Radiant Light Ministries:** Sunday celebration of love and life, Swedish American Hall, 2174 Market St., S.F., 10 AM. Call 861-1667 for more information.
- **New Life MCC:** worship and communion service, 1823 9th St., Berkeley, 5 PM. Call 843-9355 for more information.
- **Calvary MCC:** worship service, 2124 Brewster Ave., Redwood City, 6 PM. Call 368-0188 for more information.
- **MCC of the Redwoods:** worship and communion service, Olive and Throckmorton Sts., Mill Valley, 10:45 AM. Call 388-2315 for more information.
- **Golden Gate MCC:** Sunday worship services, 48 Belcher St. (between 14th St. and Duboce), S.F., 12:30 PM, 7 PM. Call 474-4848 for details.



City Swing will entertain at BACW's New Year's Eve dinner dance

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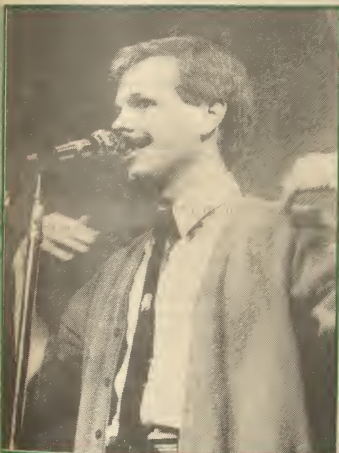
# WEEK



Company B will entertain at the Giftcenter and at the I-Beam New Year's Eve

## MONDAY 28

- **Leathermen's/SM Support Group:** meeting, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Call 931-6160 for more information.
- **S.F. Jacks:** mock New Year's, 890 Folsom St., S.F., doors open 7:30-8:30 PM, \$5.



Kelly Kittel, Tom Ammiano, Jeanine Strobel, Doug Holsclaw and Laurie Bushman wrap up '87 at Theatre Rhino (Photo: Rink)

## TUESDAY 29

- **Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders:** support group for older gay men (60+), Operation Concern, 1853 Market St., S.F., 7-8:30 PM. Call 626-7000 for more information.
- **Slightly Older Lesbians:** meeting, Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, 7-9 PM. Professional golfer Betty Hicks will speak about how the LPGA began.

## WEDNESDAY 30

- **Gay Artists and Writers Collective:** holiday happening, Walt Whitman Bookshop, 2319 Market St., S.F., 7:30 PM. Readings by Daniel Curzon and Michael Massing; performance by Bambi. Call 431-2527 for more information.
- **Male Strippers:** Bench and Bar, 120 11th St., Oakland, 9:30 PM.
- **Live Comedy:** Bernal de Janeiro Room, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 8-10 PM, \$2. Marga Gomez will MC.
- **Judy Hall:** open mike cabaret, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Call 621-6766 for reservations.
- **Dick Fregulia:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM.
- **Open Mike Cabaret:** with Katibelle Collins and Lauren Mayer, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-8 PM.

## THURSDAY 31

- **So Many Men '88:** New Year's Eve dance, Giftcenter Pavilion, 888 Brannan St., S.F., 9 PM-7 AM, \$19.88 if purchased before Dec. 25, \$25 if purchased after Dec. 25, \$35 at the door. Starring Company B and Matt & Chad; music by DJ Michael Garrett, lights by Phil Quintero. Tickets at All American Boy, Butch Wax Records, Distractions, G.W. Finley, Headlines, La Rosa, I-Beam, Transformer, and Tresspass. Produced by Sanford Kellman, Randy Schiller, and Brad Wise.
- **Can't Keep a Straight Face:** stage performance, Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., doors open 9 PM, show begins 10 PM. A comedy year in review with Tom Ammiano, Doug Holsclaw, Kelly Kittel, Laurie Bushman, and Jeanine Strobel. Call 861-5079 for tickets.
- **Sharon McNight:** New Year's Eve gala, City Cabaret, 401 Mason St., S.F., \$60 includes champagne and buffet. Call 771-6900 for tickets.
- **Bay Area Career Women:** New Year's Eve dinner, Grand Ballroom, Meridian Hotel, 50 3rd St., S.F., 7:30 PM-2 AM, \$55 members, \$65 non-members. Music by City Swing, buffet, no-host bar, formal attire optional. Call 495-5393 for tickets (no refunds). An event for women.
- **Countdown!** New Year's Eve at Trocadero Transfer, 520 4th St., S.F., 10 PM, cardholders \$15, guests \$20, general admission \$25. Music by Michael Jorba, visuals by Greg Fleming and Cameron Brown; champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and noisemakers provided. Call 495-0185 for more information.
- **Fascinated 1988:** New Year's celebration, I-Beam, 1748 Haight St., S.F., 9 PM-6 AM, \$10-\$12. With Company B and Matt & Chad.
- **Menno Marringa Quartet:** New Year's Eve bash, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Call 621-6766 for reservations.
- **Counting The Sky:** New Year's Eve blowout, The White Horse Inn, 66th St. and Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, no cover. Call 652-3820 for more information.
- **Pacific Friends South Bay:** New Year's Everpotluck and dance party with the Asian/non-Asian gay social group, Billy De Frank Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, 7:30 PM, \$5 (bring food to share, beverages will be sold). Call (408) 379-7170 for more information.
- **Gus Gustavson and Faith Winthrop:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM.
- **Frameline Presents:** television on cable channel 25, 8 PM. Coverage of the events in Washington continues with tape of the civil disobedience at the U.S. Supreme Court, the wedding of gay and lesbian couples, the dedication of the Harvey Milk memorial, and the concert at Constitution Hall.
- **Electric City:** television on cable channel 6, 9 PM. The monthly gay television magazine celebrates its first anniversary with a holiday season special that includes Rita Rockett and baby Nicholas, Richard Locke, Sandy Van as Tallulah Bankhead, Pat Norman, and Rabbi Kahn of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

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Marga and Malcolm await you every Wednesday at El Rio (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Well, Joan Meant Well

But There Is A Question: Should Deadheads Be At THIS Party?

by Wendell Ricketts

There's nothing pretty about being the Grinch at Christmas, but someone's got to do it. As it is, awash in sentiment, people get downright foolish this time of year. Take last Thursday's "Joan Baez and Friends" Christmas Concert at the Warfield Theatre for instance.

A benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund, the program was impeccable in purpose. Apparently seized by the holiday mood and unable to stop herself, however, Baez invited to the Warfield a group of performers of such epic unlikelyness that the mind fairly reels.

It is unclear what convinced Baez that the Warfield stage ought to be shared, at one extreme, by the gay and lesbian choruses singing Christmas carols in Latin and, at the other, by Bob Weir and Jerry Garcia singing Grateful Dead tunes in whatever language it is they sing in. Like the whereabouts of Jimmy Hoffa and the ability of some people to walk barefooted over red-hot coals, this mystery of our age may never be explained.

Still, most people realize that certain groups of their friends should never meet. They wouldn't mix, they'd have nothing in common, and inviting them to the same party would be a disaster. Everyone knows this, it appears, except Baez.

As the Warfield curtain opened to reveal a stage literally crammed with the members of the Gay Men's Chorus and the Gay and Lesbian Chorus of San Francisco, their beamish, "Up With People" faces as irresistible an advertisement for Christmas cheer as ever there was, a great, enthusiastic Hurrah! went up from most quarters of the audience. From most quarters, I say, because clearly audible over the general applause were the Deadheads' boos. Behind me, a fellow in a psychedelic beret sneered, "Faggots!"

Call me thin-skinned, but I found this both offensive and rather typical. I think it is not too much to say that the kind of folk who flock to rock concerts—generally, the shit-kicking, let's-get-fucked-up-and-party crowd—are not high on the list of those sensitive to the oppression of homosexuals. The Deadheads offered no exception to this rule.

After sets by Baez and others, Weir and Garcia finally took the stage. As they did, the Deadheads rose to their feet with one shout and began a frantic gyration. Having secured seats in the front of the orchestra section, the standing Deadheads obscured the view of anyone seated within the next dozen rows. This was of no concern to them. There was air guitar. There was catatonic staring. There was marijuana and cigarette smoke rolling in banks across the audience. What there wasn't was an appreciation that



Joan Baez and Mimi Farina wail away  
(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

not everywhere is the Oakland Coliseum.

For one of his songs, Weir had chosen a number whose chorus was the monotonous repetition of a single line, "Am I the victim or the crime?", while Garcia riffed on guitar beside him. By the time Weir had rasped this apparently rhetorical question for what seemed the hundredth time, I was beyond caring. I wanted him to get The Chair.

Ironically, Weir and Garcia are a rather benign presence on stage, although Weir has even less of a voice left than Bob Dylan. (If Regine Crespin had the grace to retire this year, perhaps Weir ought to as well.) One wonders, however, what spasm of inappropriateness prompted Weir and Garcia to close their set with a rendition of "Knocking on Heaven's Door." Dozens of PWAs sat directly below them in specially reserved front rows and it was, as a companion noted, a major downer.

After Weir and Garcia's exit, the wordless shrieks of Deadheads continued unabated. Scott Beach, that quintessential Maestro of Ceremonies, had throughout the evening presided between acts, and he chose this moment to make a nifty (if surrealistic) attempt to lead the crowd in an a cappella *Silent Night*. After one limping verse, Baez strode on stage, stood beside Beach, and joined him in song. Her stern presence quieted even the rowdies.

To my mind, this created something of a dissonance. We know that AIDS is spreading full tilt into the drug-abusing world. We know, moreover, that narcotics wreak havoc on the immune system. Given that, pardon me if I am made uneasy by an AIDS benefit whose audience includes a sizable number of individuals who have made an avocation of drugging themselves insensate.

There were other disquieting juxtapositions throughout the evening. Before the concert, for instance, a man wearing what can only be described as Haight Street drag worked the crowd on the sidewalk outside. Waving a single glass jigger and a bottle, he hawked shots of tequila for a dollar. Inside, the sweater-and-scarf crew took their alcohol in party glasses and politely craned their necks to see whom they could see.

Meanwhile, Bill Graham's cretinous capos patrolled the theatre. It would be an understatement to say these gentlemen lacked a certain degree of charm. (Imagine a Christmas party catered by the Khmer Rouge.)

The high points of the evening—and there were high points—were provided by Linda Tillery, who can do things with a lyric that are positively wondrous, and by Emmet Powell and the Gospel Elites, the foot-stomping choir that closed the program.

Baez appeared for her solo set in a rather prim skirt of maroon velvet. Her matching shirtwaist was complemented by a high collar of white lace. For a woman trying to outlive her image as someone who can't quite loosen up, Ms. Baez looked none too comfortable on stage. She was, however, in excellent voice. And if, perhaps to disguise the erosion of the top of her range, Baez

cheated an octave during that nearly impossible section of "O Holy Night" ("Fall on your knees / O hear the angels' voices . . ."), she was pure visionary magic in John Lennon's "Imagine."

The program's finale was a passionate sing-along of "Let It Be," led by Baez and joined by most of the other performers. "When the night is cloudy, there is still a light that shines on me," they sang together in one of the evening's few moments of symmetry.

But the crowd wanted more, and the Gospel Elites returned for an encore. A woman with an almighty voice began to belt out a hymn that built in that inimitable style of sanctified gospel music, as if it would have no end. Eventually someone signaled her to wind things up, but she ignored him. Prancing in charismatic ecstasy, she continued chanting, "He changed me! He changed me!" until she had to be pulled from the stage by two strong men. It is no exaggeration to say that one expected her at any moment to burst into tongues.

If the Deadheads were confused by the woman's religious fervor, they were more than familiar with altered states of consciousness, and they cheered her on.

When it was over, the audience dutifully filed out into the crisp San Francisco night. A young woman wearing a tie-dyed t-shirt and long tweed overcoat, her hair an iridescent black, summed up the concert for her friends. "Well," she sighed, absently twisting a curl, "that was bizarre."

"Yeah," answered one of her companions, "but she probably meant well." I decided that "she" was Joan Baez, and for a peaceful moment, both comments seemed equally true. ●



Linda Tillery (l.) sang with her favorite back-up singers

(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)



S.F. Gay Men's Chorus

# Christmas is Love

by Philip Cambell

With two beautifully sung and smoothly staged performances at Herbst Theatre last weekend, The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus managed miraculously to top even last year's Christmas triumph at Mission High. The very few and minor weaknesses were covered by enough joy and goodwill to send Scrooge himself carolling into the night.

Taking off from a revue-like premise—a lonely, alienated gay guy can't connect with the holidays until he finds, via fantasy flashback to 19th century London, the true meaning of the season—the show twinkled by in slightly more than two fast-paced hours, allowing for some stunning solo turns, a visit from a drag Dianne Feinstein, and plenty of no-holds-barred production numbers.

The imaginative settings by Gary Richards, including smoky fog and a whimsical cable car, and the handsome costumes coordinated by Chuck Brewster, sumptuously decorated the stage of the charming jewel box Herbst while a parade of carefully rehearsed seasonal tunes warmed the dry, but pleasantly intimate, acoustic. Musical/Stage Director Gregg Tallman deserves high praise for maintaining tight control of a big, almost full to bursting production that still, wisely, left them wanting more.

A notable benefit in using a connective plot line was the seamless blending of featured groups taken from the larger Chorus. The Men About Town led by Chris Campbell and the Chamber Singers under Ted Printz kept popping up happily for specialty bits without slowing the pace one beat. All were in good voice, and a rendition of "Chim Chim Cheree" by a choir of decorously smudged chimney sweeps was especially appealing.

Purists could savor some lovely arrangements of traditional carols and those seeking hard-hitting popular entertainment weren't slighted by the inclusion of numerous show tunes from *Mame*, *Oliver!*, and the clever "Twelve Days to Christmas" from everyone's favorite cult musical, *She Loves Me*. Tantalizing excerpts from Benjamin Britten's exquisite Ceremony of Carols featured a breathtaking harp solo by Boris Goldmund that quite simply stopped the show.

Tallman himself managed some excellent piano playing, but most accompaniment duties were divided between Terry Peterson for the Chorus, Carl Kimball for the Chamber Singers, and Gerald Blodgett for The Men About Town. Unsung heroes all, they supplied sensitive and strong musical support throughout.

There were a few mediocre choices in programming. "The Happiest Time of the Year," serving as the first-half finale while a pretty Christmas tree grew before our eyes and was lighted, has got to be one of the sappiest holiday songs of modern times. Still, we were spared the dubious sentimentality of "The Little Drummer Boy" and the interminable "Twelve Days of Christmas." Some numbers took their cue from the flimsiest of pretexts, but overall the concept was used to brilliant advantage, and Tallman demonstrated he can move



The S.F. Gay Men's Chorus in Now Sing With Hearts Aglow (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)



The S.F. Gay Men's Chorus sang its heart out over the holiday season (Photo: J. Dusch)

large blocks of people on and off stage with a minimum of distraction.

A brief sing-along with audience members initially set a few seatmates to grumbling, but the whole thing was handled with such unselfconscious ease that soon they were joining in wholeheartedly.

Long-time Chorus member and composer of several excellent songs for the group, Robert Seeley, was given a world premiere performance of his stirring "Sing Alleluia!" It is a lovely anthem, filled with sonorous part writing. Seeley and his composition received an enthusiastic ovation.

There has always been an attractive and subtle rapport between audience and Chorus, with the Christmas extravaganzas particularly cozy. This year was no exception and, at last, interpreter for the hearing impaired Stefan Lazar was given deserved attention. His wonderfully sensitive (and deeply musical) work over the years featured profoundly in the evening's conclusion. In a

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## Gay Rural Life In the Thirties

In Tall Cotton

by Charles G. Hulse

Lyle Stuart/A Mario Satori Book, \$15.95

by Marv. Shaw

Running through this rich novel of a rural Depression family at home and on the road is a parade of sexual discoveries by Totsy Woods, its hero and narrator. The reader sees him from six to 15, growing, adapting, and discovering truth about himself and others. In the American Southwest saying, "Shitting in tall cotton," is a figure of speech about secret acts. Totsy's must be hidden even from his athletic older brother, to whom he is devoted.

The rest of the Woods brood are his rock-steady schoolteaching mother, his strong but erratic father and finally his baby sister Rebecca. A lively bunch of other relatives pop in and out of their lives. The scenes are the Ozarks, the road west, Arizona, and California. Their plight is typical of Dust Bowlers in the grim Thirties, starved out of home and compelled, like the Joads, to seek a better life in the Far West.

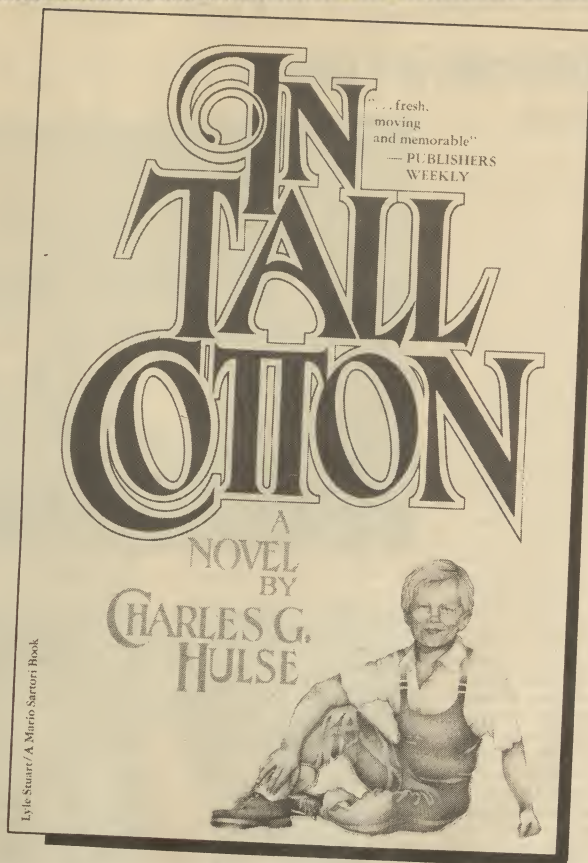
But Hulse's story is by no means just an accumulation of woe. Strength, courage, caniness, some good luck and a variety of other people make the Woods' saga an engrossing display of human fortitude. Eccentrics enliven and deepen their lives. Totsy's Aunt Dell makes a career of false accident claims. Captain Jones, a paralyzed WW I veteran and mechanical genius, hires the family to run his

estate. "Uncle" Roy, a knock-about roughneck, lays lustful and successful hands on Totsy.

A few of Totsy's "tall cotton" adventures are with girls even more precocious than he. But most are with various boys met in the places where the family lingers a while. They bring him from the blank innocence of childhood through the marvels of puberty to the mid-adolescent realizations that mark both his emerging sexual maturity and his grasp of adulthood.

With this first book, Hulse is joining those gay novelists who are intent on showing us in our families. The real start of this trend was probably Edmund White's *A Boy's Own Story* of a few years ago. A recent addition is Christopher Bram's *Surprising Myself*. They are all valuable reminders that gay people do not create each other. In great part we are what our families have made us.

Hulse's sharp rendering of the Woods family adds a unique group portrait. Gay development happened here too, among rural folk, deprived but struggling, limited but loving. And though the conclusion is muted by death, we realize that Totsy has come to know himself and his loved ones well. He has started on his adult life.



## BACK ATTACK?



Heterosexual role-playing does have its disadvantages. Fortunately, this role was for a paying audience. I felt my bride was miscast, but I wasn't the director. At dress rehearsal, carrying my "blushing bride" across the threshold, Scrunch!... went my spine. I was having a "BACK ATTACK" My boyfriend, who is in the cast, took me directly to Cathedral Hill Chiropractic Clinic. In a snap the chiropractor straightened out my spine; my director re-blocked the scene and opening night was a huge success. The Chiropractors from Cathedral Hill Chiropractic were in the front row and thanks to them I was able to take my curtain call. I'm hooked on acting and so very grateful chiropractic put me back on the boards.

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## Dutch Do More Than Tiptoe Through The Tulips

Gay Life in Dutch Society

Edited by A. X. Naerssen

Harrington Park Press, paperback, \$14.95

by Frank Howell

As Americans we have a tendency to concentrate on what happens in our own back yard. It is fortunate that publications appear from time to time that survey what is happening in other cultures. We need this broad perspective, for we can truly learn about ourselves by studying others.

The *Journal of Homosexuality* has collected a rounded group of essays about the Dutch view of human sexuality. Here we find research that is usually not available in the United States because of the language barrier.

In many ways the Dutch are light years ahead of us in recognizing the worth of same sex love. In *Research Into Homosexuality In The Netherlands* we learn that since 1977 study centers for the study of homoerotic love have been established in Dutch institutions of higher learning. They have even been approved by the government.

Complete historical background is provided by Rob Tielman in *Dutch Gay Emancipation History (1911-1986)*. COC, the local gay rights group in Amsterdam, was established shortly after World War II and was finally given legal status in 1973.

At one time the Netherlands was as intolerant of gay life as any other European country. According to polls in 1968, 60 percent of the people in this tiny country considered gayness to be deviant. By 1981 fewer than ten percent of the people considered gays to be morally repellent.

Gay life was formally legalized in 1971. Improvements have continued to build since then.

Along the way we learn that straight men in the land of the windmills are less macho than Americans. Anti-gay prejudice is subtle and less aggressive.

A really absorbing article probes, *Homosexuality In Dutch Instruction Books For Youths*, where we learn that negative references to gays declined significantly between 1940-1982. In the 1970s, the material gradually shifted from an anti to a middle-of-the-road view. In the 1980s, the "liberated, joyful" vision appears.

The delicate subject of boy love is unveiled in *Pedophilia and The Gay Movement*. Since 1946, COC has felt curiously ambivalent toward those who lust after the young. Until 1958 the attitude seemed to be liberal on this controversial issue. Then gays who were nervous over public reactions insisted on a purely conventional view. Pedophiles were purged from membership. In the 1970s a positive view emerged once again. An effort was made to "broaden the idea of gay identity." One wonders if this is possible.

A potentially revealing study of *Reading About Homosexuality* comes to the discouraging conclusion that no significant relationship exists between reading and adult gayness.

But during adolescence, gays find books are the only source of information about their sexual natures. This is due to the taboo

factor and a lack of support from peers. But 47 percent of those polled in a sample believed that reading gay literature was a compelling factor in their lives.

Librarians will be both elated and depressed by these findings. Perhaps authors are only preaching to the converted.

No discussion of lavender living in the Netherlands would be respectable without considering psychotherapists. From 1945-1980, the opinions of doctors loosened up. (*Theories on Homosexuality Among Professional Therapists*)

In recent times psychiatrists and psychologists have remained neutral or adopted a more liberal stance.

In the final selection we are told that gratifying progress has also occurred on the legal front. The legal system here dates from 1886. This sexually liberal law came about through the influence of the Code Napoleon when the great one conquered the tiny country. But in 1911, the conservatives introduced the usual harsh counter-measures. In the 1970s the sunny view emerged. In 1981, there was an emergence of a proposed change in legislation, but homophobes again stood in the path of change.

Homophobia still lurks in the land of the tulips, but it is surely useful for American gays to measure their social progress against our European friends. *Gay Life In Dutch Society* provides a major yardstick to measure that struggle.



## Oy!

Whether It's Gefilte Fish Or 'Sick In Bed Chicken Soup'  
This New Gay Jewish Cookbook Is For You

**Out Of Our Kitchen Closets:**  
**San Francisco Gay Jewish Cooking**  
Congregation Sha'ar Zahav,  
215 pages, \$12.95.

by George Heymont

Some might postulate that every Jewish child (whether s/he grows up to be straight or gay) suffers from an oral fixation. Considering the stress placed on ingestion, digestion and the importance of contributing to meaningful conversation in many Jewish households, it's no surprise that whatever goes in and comes out of one's mouth often grows into a source of controversy.

For Gay Jews, to whom traditional foods play a critical role in keeping alive the rituals of an ancient culture, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's new book, *Out Of Our Kitchen Closets* is chock full of useful recipes. They range from gefilte fish, cholent and Passover Haroset (a mixture of fruit, nuts and spices designed to resemble the mortar the Israelites made when they were slaves in Egypt) to more modern fare such as kosher Japanese Pumpkin Soup, Latkes Nouvelle California and 'Sick In Bed' Chicken Soup.

Most of these recipes (precious few of which are low in calories) are accompanied by nostalgic

portraits of the characters from whom they were taken. One contributor describes how his mother used to shlep downtown from the Bronx with shopping bags full of empty glass jars so that she could raid the pickle stores on Essex Street. Another recalls his Aunt Lillie, who pointed to a drag queen on Hollywood Boulevard one day and in a voice that could have been heard in Pasadena, announced "That's Florabelle. Look at the way she swings that tukkus!"

In addition to its culinary offerings, this volume (the result of an intensely personal project spearheaded by Susan Unger and edited by Ron Moskowitz) offers a valuable educational/public relations tool for Sha'ar Zahav as well as for Gay Jews around the world. Not only does *Out Of Our Kitchen Closets* feature an exceptional glossary of Jewish/Yiddish culinary terms, it tells the story of Sha'ar Zahav's birth as a congregation ten years ago while explaining—often in very moving terms—how a group of Gay Jews began to share a culinary heritage which was as old as the

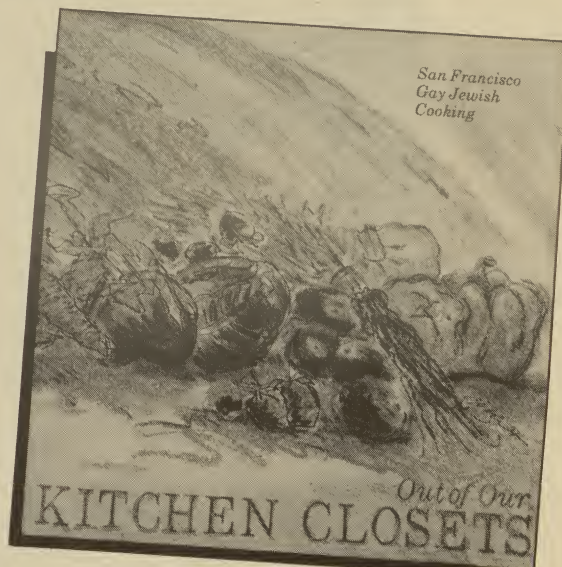
hills while discovering that they were 'lantzmen' in more ways than they imagined.

There are handy suggestions for what to cook the first time your lover's parents come to visit as well as recipes for tsimmes which tactfully omit the dish's crucial ingredient: cement. "It tastes better if it sits overnight,"

suggests Richard Inlander, who fails to mention that the reason such dishes are often left sitting overnight is because the people who ate them can no longer stand up!

For traditional Jewish breads, hearty dinner fare, robust desserts and a touch of heartburn, try some of the recipes in *Out Of*

*Our Kitchen Closets: San Francisco Gay Jewish Cooking*. In an age when zaftig bears and Daddies with love handles are becoming more visible in our community, Sha'ar Zahav's book can provide many kitchens with the critical knowledge underlying the Jewish motto of preventive health: "Ess, ess, mein kind!" ●



## Hope In A Time of Gloom

**Living With AIDS: Reaching Out**  
by Tom O'Connor

Corwin Publishers, San Francisco, paperback—\$18.95

by Frank Howell

Tom O'Connor delivers hope. Hope is about living and not dying. He challenges the notion that all AIDS patients will die. We have not passed through a sufficient time span to know whether some human beings can survive for more than ten years. But we do know that a small number of people are cheating the disease thus far.

O'Connor cites the pioneering work of Dr. Jaffe. "Of the nineteen people who started treatment between September 1982 and September 1983, eighteen were still alive in 1986."

The author himself has been beating the odds for over six years. Now he wants to help others survive.

After outlining the basics of the immune system and how it works, O'Connor discusses the nuts and bolts of holistic medicine, stress reduction, exercise, and proper diet. He also urges membership in any available support group.

As a layperson, our guide emphasizes that gays should avoid doctors who are not knowledgeable and sympathetic towards AIDS patients.

The author goes into great detail about the various foods to avoid or accept. But at this point, the reader may begin to entertain doubts about how practical some of these suggestions are. He tells us that the food we buy at the local supermarket won't do. The vegetables are contaminated, meat causes cancer, other foods don't contain enough vitamins.

For example, the reader is informed that common table salt simply won't supply human needs. One must obtain natural sea salts. The list grows longer and longer. It seems the health food store is the only answer. But such places are expensive. If running around to these special food establishments is time consuming for the average person, think how burdensome this process must be for the poor soul with AIDS. Even the water is supposed to be bad for us and some of the bottled water is said to be suspect.

Finally even O'Connor admits, "I cannot allow the guilt of eating a tomato or a buttered bagel to govern me. Too strict and long a diet may erode the quality of my life."

Furthermore, what are the medical qualifications of these people who read tons of books and then become self-styled experts who don't trust doctors. Who are we to believe?

On the other hand, I've always admired people like O'Connor who dare to take on the conservative medical establishment and their narrow views. And it is not enough to shrug and say we know nothing and more research is needed. Obviously, AIDS patients require help now.

But there is still much here that is useful to AIDS patients. O'Connor discusses the dangers of parasites, herpes simplex, and detoxifying the body (although one would think the body is perfectly capable of flushing out itself). ●

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## French A/P

**F**rench operas, due to the peculiar parameters of their musical style, often suffer from neglect. Although works such as Halevy's *La Juive*, Massenet's *Herodiade* and Bizet's *L'Arlesiana* contain some beautiful music, there are not enough major singers around who have sufficient experience in this repertoire to justify new productions of these works.

Occasionally, an operatic superstar can spark interest in a particular opera (such as Sherrill Milnes did with Thomas' *Hamlet* and Joan Sutherland did with Massenet's *Esclarmonde* and *Le Roi de Lahore*). But, for the most part, the French repertoire gathers dust on the shelf, waiting, like Rodney Dangerfield, for people to give it some respect.

The general public's lack of familiarity with such works as Massenet's *Don Quichotte*, Thomas' *Mignon*, Chabrier's *Gwendoline* or Berlioz's *Beatrice Et Benedict* make these operas an extremely difficult sell at the box office. And, while certain standards of the operatic repertoire (Bizet's *Carmen*, Offenbach's *Orpheus In The Underworld* and Gounod's *Faust*) can always be relied upon to sell subscriptions, it is only in recent years that America's opera companies have looked to such rarely-performed works as Delibes' *Lakme*, Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*, Massenet's *Cendrillon* and Meyerbeer's *Le Prophete* as a means of broadening their artistic profiles.

So far, under Terry McEwen's administration, San Francisco audiences have enjoyed performances of *Carmen*, *Werther*, *Manon*, *La Voix Humaine*, *Les Dialogues Des Carmelites*, *La Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein*,



Tracy Dahl's wonderfully wacky portrayal of Olympia was a highlight of San Francisco Opera's new production of *The Tales of Hoffmann*

*Cendrillon* and *Faust*. This fall the company mounted new productions of two major French works which had not been heard in the War Memorial Opera House for the past 35 years. In order to cut down on production costs, the sets and costumes for these operas had to be rented from the Met and the Greater Miami Opera Association.

Nevertheless, for a major international company like the San Francisco Opera, 1987's stagings of Gounod's *Romeo et Juliette* and Offenbach's *Les Contes D'Hoffmann* were long overdue. And, after many years of boasting about his intense devotion to French opera, Terry McEwen (an avowed Francophile if ever there was one) finally gave local opera

queens a hearty sampling of his internationally-renowned French technique.

## HELLO, DOLLY!

**O**ffenbach's *Tales of Hoffmann* quickly became the smash hit of the 1987 fall season and not only because of Placido Domingo's stellar performance in the title role. Due to its technical demands, *Hoffmann* is an extremely complex and difficult show to produce. However, the Greater Miami Opera Association's production (which was gloriously designed by Gunther Schneider-Siemssen and magnificently lit by Thomas J. Munn) was solidly cast from top to bottom. With such major talents as James Morris, Placido Domingo and Francis Egerton squared off against Tracy Dahl, Nancy Gustafson and Mary Jane Johnson, the performance I attended became one of those knock-down, drag-out contests of "Anything you can do, I can do better."

Surrounded by such operatic giants, it was curious to see tiny Tracy Dahl—a deliciously petite coloratura who graduated from the Merola program several years ago—nearly walk off with the show. Dahl's performance as the mechanical doll Olympia may well rank as the greatest I have ever heard or seen in that role. With her wildly spastic movements and incredibly strong coloratura work, Dahl managed to be hysterically funny, madly out of control and musically quite brilliant. Hers was a remarkable performance for such a young artist.

While both Placido Domingo and James Morris were in fine form, I found myself more fascinated by Francis Egerton's brilliantly-etched cameo portrayals of Andres, Frantz, Cochenille and Pittichinaccio. I enjoyed Susan Quittmeyer's double-edged performance as Nicklausse and the Muse of Poetry but was infinitely more impressed by Nancy Gustafson's Antonia (which offered further proof of this beautiful young artist's maturation). David Pittsinger's highly-animated Luther, Gwynne Howell's darkly desperate Crespel and Michael Rees Davis' attractive Nathanael added strong cameos to the evening. Only Mary Jane Johnson's courtesan, Giulietta, seemed weak.

Michel Plasson conducted this *Hoffmann* with a tremendous sense of dramatic vitality which brought the very best out of his singers. Special credit goes to the San Francisco Opera chorus which, under Ian Robertson's direction this season, is sounding much better, singing with far greater clarity and—at least when given the opportunity or inspiration to do so—acting up a storm.

Much of the evening's theatrical success can be credited to Lotfi Mansouri's superbly characterized stage direction and the use of Jerry Sherck's English-language Supertitles. I found it amazing to watch the audience at this *Hoffmann* laugh its collective head off at textual nuances which, in opera houses such as the Met, are completely—and at those ticket prices, criminally—lost. Having now attended performances of *Hoffmann* which were sung in English, in French, and in French with Supertitles, there is no doubt in mind as to which method succeeds best in involving an audience with the drama at hand.

## LOST IN THE DARK

**W**hile 1987's *Hoffmann* production gave everyone a heady taste of what exciting opera/theatre is all about, it also served as a painful reminder that much of what we see these days at the San Francisco Opera does not measure up to the high artistic standards of this one particular production. One need only have attended a performance of Gounod's *Romeo Et Juliette* to get a sense that something was drastically wrong with the way this opera was presented in San Francisco.

Although Rolf Gerard's sets and costumes (on loan from the Metropolitan Opera) work well for this piece, many audiences were shocked to discover that Gounod's treatment of the Romeo legend is far less exciting than Shakespeare's tale of two star-crossed lovers. Some find Gounod's score wimpy and anemic; I think it glows with an exceptionally delicate beauty.

Alas, whatever beauty and delicacy is inherent in the piece was steadily sabotaged by Bernard Uzan's grossly inept stage direction and the frighteningly horrid sounds emanating from baritone Joseph Rouleau. Other than the fact that he may be one of Terry McEwen's old Canadian buddies, Rouleau had no business being paid to make such ghastly noises. Although Madeilyn Renee's Stephano and Donna Petersen's Gertrude offered strong supporting characterizations, their work could hardly compensate for the poor singing of Dennis Petersen's Tybalt, Stephen Dickson's Mercutio and Peter Volpe's Duke of Verona.

Thus it was up to the three principals to save the show and, although the task probably was beyond them, they certainly deserve credit for doing their best. Ruth Ann Swenson's Juliette was an absolute delight: visually healthy, dramatically credible and musically secure. As Romeo, 60-year-old Alfredo Kraus once again managed to stop the clock while giving audiences a model lesson in what style, class and musicianship are all about. Gwynne Howell's Friar Laurence was sonorously sung; Michel Plasson's conducting pumped as much life as possible into this otherwise lethargic production.

It's really quite a shame that San Francisco Opera's staging of *Romeo Et Juliette* should have been such a dud for this is a beautiful opera which, in this very same production, has scored strongly at the Met on repeated occasions. Unfortunately, this was one situation where the added blessing of Supertitles was incapable of drawing the audience's attention away from the totally abysmal quality of both the stage direction and the supporting cast.

Shakespeare might have moaned, "Oh, woe is me." The French sum it up in one word: Merde!



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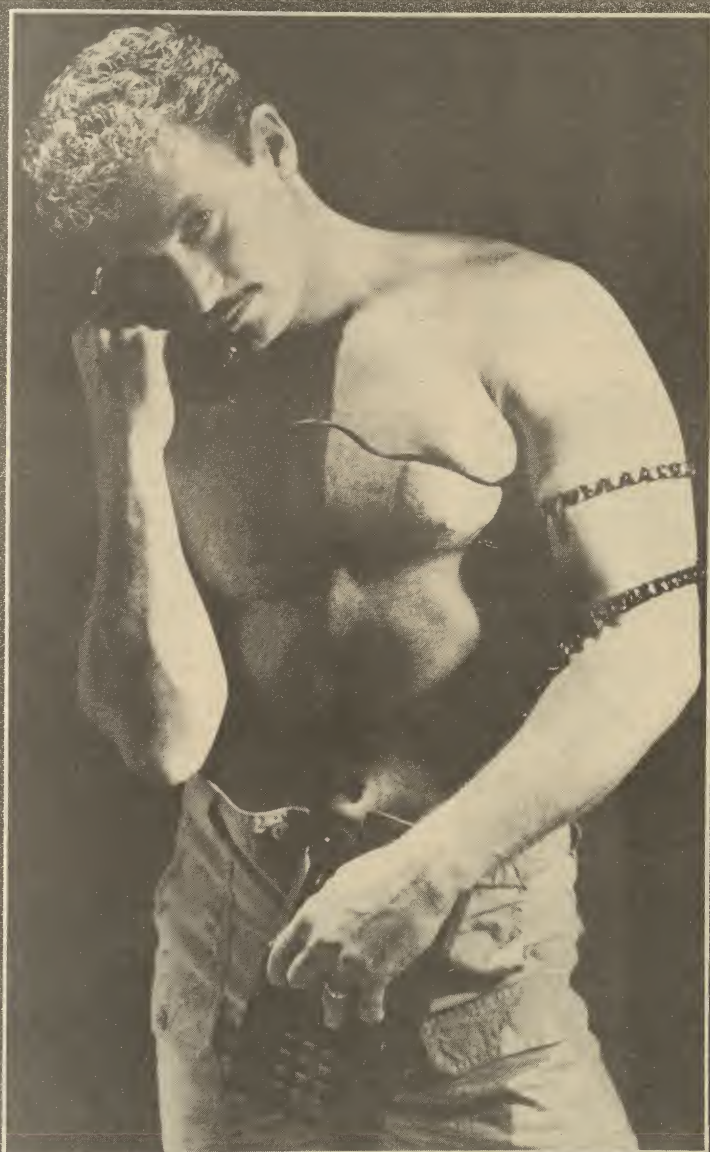
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## The Rustle of Feathers; Voices of a Choir

Sorry I missed you all last week. Seems like what I thought was a sore throat turned out to be a disorder in a region several inches further down. With the help of the wonderful cardiology department of the VA Hospital at Fort Miley, a lot of encouragement and support from a lot of friends, I managed to pull out of the whole affair with a strict diet, no smoking, little drinking, and a reminder to listen to what people say about over-indulging in all departments. I'd like to thank all of you who sent cards, flowers, and plants. It's nice to know who your friends are, and even some enemies sent get-well wishes. But enough of that. On the road to recovery and many thanks for your good vibrations.



It's amazing how much you can miss by being hospitalized. Sorry about the lost plugs for your event(s) last week, but with so much generous support in this community coming from all quarters, it's gratifying to know you're out there with your bucks, your time, and your energy supporting every benefit under the sun to make life easier for the underprivileged, the needy, the hungry, and the ailing. You have no idea how much your generosity is appreciated by those in need, and you know they are extremely thankful.

Your generosity helped raise more than \$5,000 for the AIDS Emergency Fund dinner with Tim Curry at the posh Comstock Club. The Joan Baez concert, with her many musical friends adding to the lustre of the evening, netted close to \$20,000 for the AIDS Emergency Fund, and George Burgess' brunch last Sunday brought in more than 150 pounds of pennies.

Bill Fink, in spite of his studiness, may miss a few cocktail hours at the Twin Peaks tavern after delivering all those coppers to Wells Fargo Bank, which accepts them without being rolled.



Anthony Bruno wets down another wet shorts contestant at the Gauntlet  
(Photo: R. Pruzan)

Freddie Skau at the Gate has reached his goal of one million pennies already (that's \$10,000) and they're still rolling in! Great going!

Last Saturday, Wally Sherwood and Eddie Cunningham, two newcomers, celebrated their first year in the City, Eddie's 28th birthday, and their anniversary with a smart soiree.

And CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) held its Prisma Awards at the Victoria Theatre Saturday night. The awards, founded by the gay Latino community, is indeed very much into raising funds for AIDS patients. The Esta Noche, Los Portales, and La Bandida all on 16th Street, participated and gave awards to the Entertainer of the Year, Lesbian of the Year, Gay Latino of the Year, and other prestigious accolades. Yes, the Latino Strip (16th between Mission and Valencia) is alive, well, and responding to the crisis—and that's a plus! Everybody's doing their part.

Sunday, the K'thar Sissies wailed at the clubhouse on Folsom with everyone partaking of the tribal fire of men's mysteries, mythic re-enactments, and a lot of other erotic cos-

morgasms. All reports give it five stars.

To cap off the weekend, Chicago's gift to SFO in the personage of Herbella Hebron and his other half, Ron Zirbes, threw their annual Xmas party in the outer Mission, and need I tell you the place was packed with leather and non-leather hunks and hunkettes!?

Young Nicholas Rockett made the biggest hit and stole the spotlight from his fabled Mommy. I never realized so many leather men had such intense parental instincts! That lad has a lot of hunky uncles, I'll tell you.

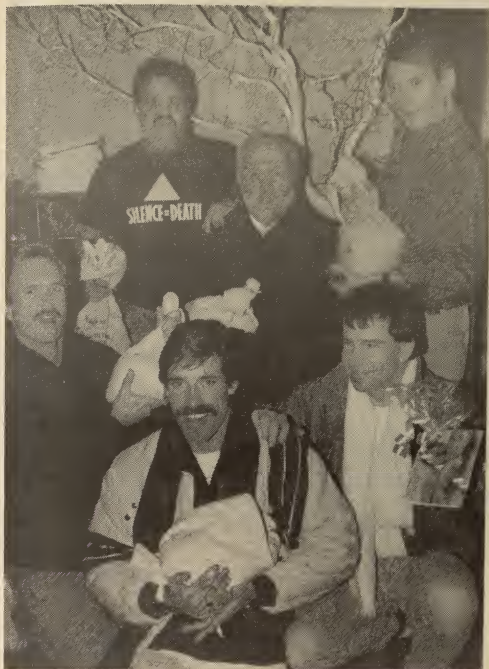
Ms. Rita Rockett is again featured in this week's issue of People magazine, along with Tess and the crew of the Sunday brunches at SF General, as well as Richard Locke. Get your copy now!

And tomorrow night, Thursday, tune into Viacom Cable 6 for Electric City's Christmas special featuring Rita, Nicholas, Richard, Sandy Van, Pat Norman, Jose Corralis, and Van Ault. If you miss it at 9 p.m., it'll be on again on Dec. 31 and again on Sunday Jan. 3 on Cable Oakland at 2200.



The people who bring you the Bay Area Reporter each week wish you a happy holiday  
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\$16,000 worth of pennies were collected at The Gate for Pennies From Heaven (Photo: S. Martin)

Monday night was the Watering Hole's Christmas party and tonight Hamburger Mary's wails out with Yule cheer. I hope the Cable Car Awards committee has checked out the decorations there! The Maryettes have outdone themselves again! The whole building is lit up!

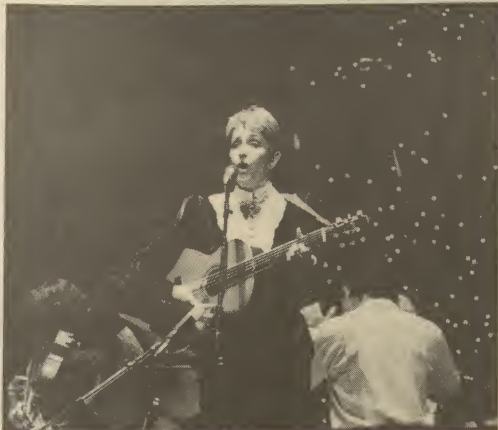
Generosity exists! Thanks to Rolo, Buck's, High Gear, On the Rack, G.W. Finley, Castro Streetwear, New York Man, All American Boy, the Record House, and the SF Symphony, there will be gifts for AIDS patients who are part of the Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF at Coming Home. The smiles will be from ear to ear Christmas morning, and many thanks to all of the above, again, for their generosity.

So what else? Drummer magazine's Christmas card turned out to be more than hot! Their S&M Holiday Song Book, Chrita, repeat, Chrita, is out. All the regular tunes to Christmas carols are in it, but with lyrics developed in 1986 by the Folsom Street Folksingers (remember that group last year?). Scott Masters and Fledermaus developed others, and Fledermaus edited most of it. They're a riot(!) with a little sacrilegious nonsense, to wit: "I'll be Hurt for Christmas," "Hark! Harold's Cat Does Sting," "O Whipping Post," "Little Drummed-On Man," and "I'm Dreaming of a Painful Christmas" just to name a few, and all sung to the appropriate tune. Madness!

**P**orn star Chris Burns got tired of reading about fag-bashing and hearing weird tales from victims of such goings-on. In spite of the vigilance and great job done by CUAV (Community United Against Violence) they can't be everywhere, and fag bashing is alive and it's up to you to help stop it. Comes now Chris Burns' Lightning Bolt Martial Arts Center at 317-A 10th St.—just off Folsom—and the two-week introductory course is only \$25. All you need is your gym gear and the will to resist, keep your self-esteem, and perhaps save your own life in such situations. Call Chris at 621-0297 for details and appointment. The life you save could be your own!

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Joan Baez at the Christmas concert at the Warfield (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)



Tim Curry (l.) receives accolades from Ed West and Hank Cook at the Comstock (Photo: S. Martin)

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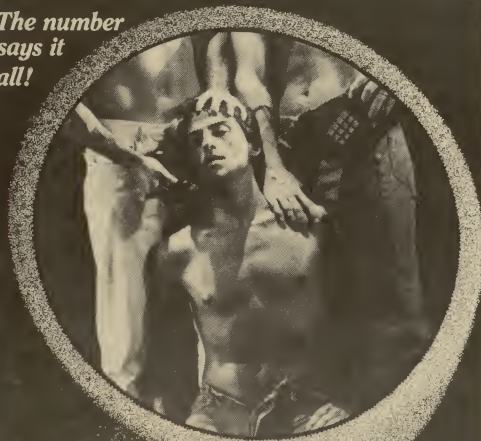
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by the unhappy ones running the  
"all profits to the producers"  
emperor and empress titles in  
Los Angeles, who started the  
Rebel Empress title and are out-  
shining the other so-called Legit  
Court down there, a group is  
forming—I should say already  
formed—here in Mecca which  
will elect not only a rebel empress  
but a rebel emperor here the  
same night as the Imperial Corona-  
tion! When's the last time you  
saw Empress Tina and Emperor  
Patrick in the South of Market?  
I have nothing to do with it, nor  
will I have anything to do with it,  
but it will happen. Not only that,  
the rebel empresses of L.A. will  
demand to be presented at the  
coronation here, something that  
was not dealt with properly with  
last year. Is this the winter of  
discontent for the Imperial Family  
de SF? What will Tina and  
Patrick do about this situation?  
Ignore it like they ignore South  
of Market? Stay tuned!

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7th Street may or may not be  
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patients to Research & Decisions  
on Sutter Street. At least one or  
more gay men are highly upset  
with phone calls from complete  
strangers from Research & Deci-  
sions who call and start asking

highly confidential questions  
about their sexual habits to see if  
they're "qualified" to parti-  
cipate in a health survey. The pro-  
verbial shit hit the fan last week  
with no redeeming explanations  
about this practice from either  
the Health Dept. or from Re-  
search & Decisions. Tsk-Tsk. Big  
Brother works in strange ways, so  
beware if you get such calls from  
anyone, guys! You may or may not  
hear more about this—depend-  
ing on how soon either R&D or  
the Health Dept. offer the offend-  
ed gay men an extremely ade-  
quate explanation for this gross  
dispensing of c-o-n-f-i-d-e-n-t-i-a-l  
information!

Aside from the usual violations

of "coveting thy neighbor's wife"  
at all the Christmas parties and  
the hot 1988 So Many Men party  
at the Giftcenter on New Year's  
Eve, life goes on. The tickets are  
\$19.88 before Dec. 25 (hurry!),  
\$25 after that, and \$35 at the  
door. (Buy them at the usual out-  
lets.) More details next week!  
Randy Schiller always pees! And  
with Sanford Kellman and Brad-  
ley Wise there with him, it will be  
the hottest ticket in town! Stay  
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'Til next week then, keep your  
skirt down, your legs crossed, out  
of the bushes, donate 'til it hurts,  
and Keep On Dishin! Have a  
Cool Yule and a Frantic Fist, er,  
uh, First!

## Karl's Calendar

Compiled by Dierdre

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Christmas Party, Kokpit,  
8 p.m., hors d'oeuvres and egg  
nog.

### FRIDAY 12/25

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Mother Lode, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY 12/26

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Miss Cowgirl Joey Party,  
Kimo's, 8 p.m., show hosted by  
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Constantine's Serving  
"Connie Dogs," S.F. Eagle  
patio, 11 p.m.-1 a.m. \$2 (large and  
juicy).

### SUNDAY 12/27

Employee Beer Bust, S.F.  
Eagle, 3-6 p.m., \$7.

### THURSDAY 12/31

New Years Eve Party, S.F.  
Eagle, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., noisemakers  
and champagne.

New Years Eve Party,  
Trocadero Transfer, 10 p.m.-  
dawn, champagne, hors d'oeuvres  
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ment by Modern Rocketry, tickets  
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Grant Brody, the manager of Yosemite Sam's, has a very special Christmas cheer  
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### Be Kind and Love Someone

**A** Happy Birthday to Hal Mathews on Christmas Eve. Hope you have many more, dear.

Please help an unfortunate child at Christmas by bringing an unwrapped toy to the Kokpit, 301 Turk St., on Christmas Eve, and Mr. Lee-ona will see that they are distributed on Christmas Day.

I love the snow on the windows of the Gate Bar and Restaurant, but Paul has spent too much time in the Caribbean to know what drifted snow looks like. Hi Richard.

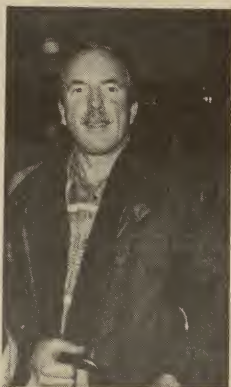
There will be a big New Year's Eve party at the popular My Place on Folsom Street with C.B. the manager going all out. You look great, Rey.

Memo from Char: People are talking about the people's choice in '88. My choice is the Tzarina de Turk Street and Rhulalinks for the Imperial Crown. Some new dirt, Char?

Don't forget Nez Pas' great annual Chili Cook-Off on Monday the 11th of January at 7 p.m. at the Town and Country at 2022 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland. Yours truly and Wayne Friday are two of the judges, so don't come near us for a few days after—only kidding, Wayne.

The White Swallow's lovely Christmas decor was done by Tommy Morgan and it is not to be missed, as is the beautiful Christmas tree at the New Bell saloon.

Remember to get your tickets early for Puttin' on the Titz, the hot new cabaret show soon to be opening at Sutter's Mill's all-new showroom. Contact George Lowy at Sutter's Mill for more info as the ads will be coming out in January and then the tickets will go like crazy and you don't want to miss out. Wally Rutherford, the producer, has promised a spectacular show, and from all the fine shows he has done I know he will succeed.



Jesse of the Polk Gulch

There are lots of places to have Christmas Eve dinner, but one I am sure you'll enjoy is at Ginger's Too on Sixth Street. It is only \$10, so call now for reservations (543-3622).

Ginger's Too is also having a great New Year's Eve dinner for only \$12.50 and Beverly will be doing New Year's Day brunch with the "good luck" black-eyed peas and yours truly making great Ramos Fizzes, so do join us.

There are many great restaurants in the city doing great holiday dinners, including: Lupann's, The Gate, Chez Mollet, Teddy Bears on Gough Street, and of course the popular Galleon, so make your reservations early for a fun time.

Men Behind Bars is coming soon, so check with Mark at the Special for ticket info. This is going to be a hot, hot new President's Weekend show that should not be missed by anyone.

Happy New Year to one and all and remember, be kind and love someone.



Art York as Santa Claus with Don 'Ginger' Rogers

### BWMT To Host Blackeye Pea Party

Black and White Men Together (San Francisco) will host its annual Blackeye Pea Party on New Year's Day from 2-6 p.m. in All Saints Episcopal Church, 1350 Waller St., San Francisco. Last year's party/fundraiser was a very popular success. The idea is that people come together in a very laid-back atmosphere, enjoy each other's company and make new friends on the first day of the new year.

Featured again this year will be

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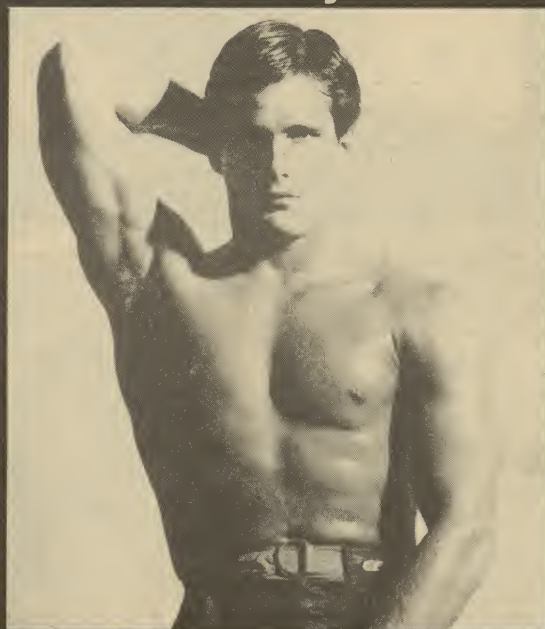
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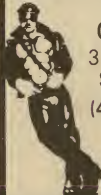
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Gearing up for the 1988 contest, IMsL's fundraising goals are even more ambitious, with high hopes to significantly increase the amount received by each charity. The organizations chosen as this year's beneficiaries are: The Names Project, The Lyon-Martin Clinic, and Pro-

ject Open Hand, each of which provides vital community services. In order to meet those goals, Chris Pucinelli's standing challenge must be met!

With the holidays fast approaching, businesses and individuals are urged to reach deep into their hearts and give a gift that counts. By making a tax-deductible donation to IMsL, contributors will be providing assistance to those who need it most—women's and AIDS service organizations that count on the Chris Pucinelli's, the concerned, responsible members of the community, to keep them alive and growing!

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## 'Search' Finds Boffo BO; Tomlin Topliner Held Through Feb. 21

*The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, starring Lily Tomlin, and written and directed by Jane Wagner, has been held over at the Curran Theatre due to an overwhelming demand for tickets. As of Wednesday, Dec. 16, tickets will be available for three additional weeks, through Sunday, Feb. 21.

Originally scheduled for an eight-week limited engagement, *The Search* began preview performances on Dec. 3 and opened on Dec. 9 to widespread critical and popular acclaim.

Tickets are available at the Curran Theatre box office, 445 Geary St. in San Francisco, all Ticketron outlets and major agencies. To charge by phone, please call (415) 243-9001. For group sales, contact (415) 441-0919.

*The Search* continues to play Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. and Sunday Matinees at 5 p.m. (except Sunday Jan. 3 at 3 p.m.). Tickets prices for the Tuesday through Thursday evenings and Saturday and Sunday matinees are \$32 for orchestra and loge; \$27 for front mezzanine; \$22 for rear mezzanine; and \$10 for balcony. Friday and Saturday evening performances are \$35, \$30, \$25 and \$10.

## Free Clothing

Free clothing will be issued to the poor of the Gay Community on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gay Rescue Mission, 1080 Folsom. Everyone who needs clothing can come. Those who have discards can drop them off at the Mission any morning. They especially need blankets, heavy jackets and sleeping bags for those living in cars and vans.

## Christmas Dinner At U.S. Mission

The United States Mission of San Francisco, Inc. will be holding its Annual Christmas Day Dinner on Christmas Day in Sargent MacCauley Park at the corner of Larkin and O'Farrell from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Last year the Mission fed well over 2,300 people and is prepared to feed twice as many this year. There will be plenty of seconds to go around for the homeless, elderly, broke, senior citizens and needy.

A menu of turkey, dinner rolls, potatoes, gravy, cranberry relish, vegetables, dessert and beverages will be served by volunteers from various religious organizations, community-minded persons and the homeless. Everyone is invited for the 26th annual free dinner.

## Christmas Dinner At St. Paulus

The Empress Tessie Christmas dinner will be held on Christmas from 2-4 p.m. at Saint Paulus Lutheran Church, Eddy and Gough Streets. Please use Gough St. entrance. The dinner is free and everyone is welcome. Those who want to help can call Empress Phyllis 621-2531 or the Gay Rescue Mission 431-2188.

## Chorus

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truly "Silent Night," Chorus members signed in unison with Lazar, performing a completely soundless final verse. The sight of all those hands gracefully performing the greatest Christmas hymn of all was immensely touching.

The Gay Men's Chorus gave us yet another wonderful Christmas present, adding to the legacy of its tradition. There might have been one or two Grinches who weren't affected, but I suspect most of us wound up like the drama queen in the story who suddenly felt the full force of the season and discovered again that Christmas is love.





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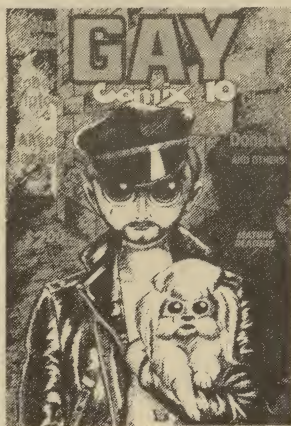
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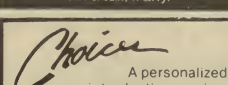
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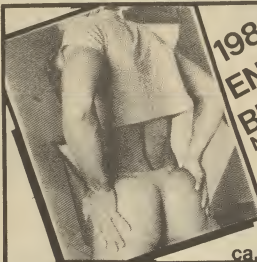
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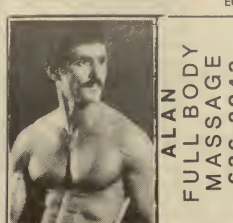
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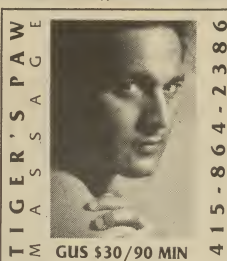
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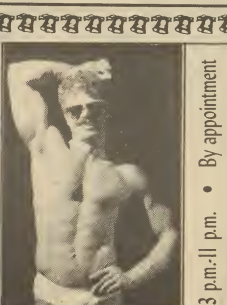
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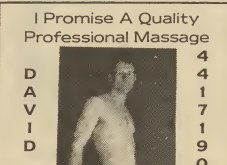
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## BOWLING

### Bowlers Give Community A New Resource

by Richard McPherson

A group of bowlers observed a need in the gay community for a source for food, clothing and basic needs for AIDS and ARC people, and decided to do something about it. After months of planning and organizational meetings, Keith Ray, Bill Baker, Bill Kane, Roger Pelletier, Ron Raimondi, Jim Wilke, Kathy Murphy, Richard Connelly, Ron Gordy and Ron Arcuri gave birth to "Resources." Without any fee, PWA's can receive food from their food bank, a Safeway gift certificate, clothing, housing referrals and free rentals from their video library.

Within weeks of its formulation, Resources has been inundated with support from individuals and businesses. "The support we're getting is phenomenal. Clothing is coming in by the 'ton,'" said Arcuri, who is a ten-hour-a-week volunteer. "A woman in San Luis Obispo called to say that she had heard about us and will be bringing a lot of clothing up with her!" Spokespersons Ray and Baker say that they are overwhelmed and delighted by this response. "The Names Project's clothing drive is over and they are referring clothing donations to us. It's amazing how much we've already accumulated," said Ray, "and so much of the clothing looks like new."

"You know how queens are, wear something once and it goes into the back of the closet," added a laughing Baker.

They and the other Resource workers spend much of their free time sorting clothing and organizing pickups, setting up fundraisers, etc. It's all very time consuming, but they all seem to find it a very fulfilling experience.

Donations can be made by calling 776-4000. Food drive



Bowling can be fun!

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drop-off points are: The Pilsner Inn, Church St.; The Love That Dares Bookstore, 506 Castro; Resources, 597 Hayes St., and Park Bowl, Haight St. (Mon., Wed. & Thurs. nights 8-11 p.m.). More drop-off points are being set up weekly.

Good work guys and gal, and good luck!

David Arnold hasn't cooled off yet after his 697 series of a month or so ago. He had high series scores at both Park Bowl and Japantown Bowl during the weeks between Nov. 29-Dec. 12. On Monday, Dec. 7, at Park Bowl (where he's been wavering around the 200 average mark), Arnold shot a very consistent 214, 213, 216/643 in the Tavern Guild Trios. Two days later in the Wednesday Community League at Japantown, he shot 256, 192, 221 for a whopping 669 series. And if

that isn't enough, one week earlier in the same league he shot 238/625.

Also at J-Town Bowl, lefty Len Broberg (152 avg.), had one of his best nights of bowling ever with a 629 series on games of 212, 211, 206. Luis Garcia, (182), had the only other 600+ series with 215, 209, 187/611.

J-Town 210+ games: D. Phillips (161) 232; John Pulsipher (149) 228; Steve Szasz (175) 226; John Farrell (162) 224; Ken Gray (172) 221; Duane Pryor (157) 215; Billy Wood (164) 214; David Hird (151) 212; Jim Shay (152) 211; Dan Burley (167) 211 and Jeff Reid (161) 211.

Honorable mention (160 avg. and under): Ron Brown (153) 209; Richard Apodaca (140) 206; Henry Durrows (157) 205; Michael Seibel (152) 203 and Takeshi Hirano (158) 201.

Pat Hanlon (164) had two 200s

out of his three game set with a 234 and 213. Nancy Thinnies (155) had high game and high series for the women with a 214/565.

For the past two weeks, it's been "The Revenge of the 130 Average Bowlers!" There were quite a number of them who shot w-a-a-y over their averages and deserve special recognition. Lisa Kekuwa (132 avg.) 209, Gene Sales (131) 216, Eugene Hamel (130) 212, Mel Ward (137) 210 and Andy Dacanay (136). Will Snyder (131) had the best night of his career with 166, 157, 172/495.

At Park Bowl in the S.F. Women's Business League, Dec. 6-13, Debbie Carmona topped them all again shooting 233/604

followed a week later with 245, 214/630. Debbie's having no difficulty holding on to her outstanding 195 average. Velda Gooden is the only other woman with a 190+ average. They're keeping right up there with the men; there are only a few guys in the Tavern Guild Leagues averaging over the 190 mark. Special congratulations to Mary Anne Ruyle (142 avg.) on her 244 game, a night she'll remember for a long time. This effort will win her a WIBC (Women International Bowling Congress) award for 100 pins over her average for a single game. Marian Nichimura (165) was right behind her with a 241.

Other SFWBL 100+ games: Pat Correa (170) 221, Evelyn Oltman (136) 204, Bernice Straub (172) 201 and Jackie Weil (141) 200.

In the Tavern Guild Leagues (TGL) at Park Bowl, Roy Thorson (194 avg.) had 223, 244/641 followed by Arne Prince (189) with 221, 207, 204/632. In the

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##### Team Standings

SUNDAY TAVERN GUILD LEAGUE		
	W	L
1. Park Bowl	35	5
2. Mona Tong Realty	33	7
3. Cafe Commons	24½	15½
4. Bowldykes	23	17
5. Express Computer	22	18
6. Maud's Squad	22	18
7. Bernice Straub	22½	17½
8. Geraldine's Caterers	21	19
9. Artemis	21	19
10. Better Natural	20	20
11. Faenza/White Mktg	18	22
12. Awards by Chris	17½	22½
13. Cassidy's Cabinettes	16	22
14. Sidney's Pinheads	15	25
15. Amelia's	14	26
16. Francois' Coffee Hse.	13	27
17. Brite Shine Janit	12	28
18. About Paper Plus	10½	29½

MONDAY TAVERN GUILD LEAGUE		
	W	L
1. Pilsner Pinnguins	35½	8½
2. Stayin Alive	32	12
3. Park Bowl	30½	13½
4. Twisted Pins	26	18
5. Rolo's	25½	18½
6. Frantic Finishers	25	19
7. Pet Stop Cocktails	25	19

8. Kokpit Pacers	24	20
9. Rawhide II	23	21
10. Is It Over Yet	23	21
11. Trax Stars	22	22
12. Jack Trux	20	24
13. Play with it LTD	19	25
14. Lambda Capital	19	25
15. Rawhide II Too!	19	25
16. Pilsner Powerpuffs	18½	25½
17. C. C. Cotillion	18	26
18. Welcome Home	17	27
19. Pendulum	16	28
20. Bar Breakers	16	28
21. Castro Station	14	30
22. Pendulum II	13	31

TAVERN GUILD TRIOS		
	W	L
1. S.F. Eagle	34½	9½
2. Pilsner Pin Pals	32½	11½
3. Galaxy	28	15
4. Bow-K	27½	16½
5. Bill's Quackers	27	18
6. Main Course	26½	17½
7. Cafe San Marcos	26	18
8. Spare Parts	26	18
9. Pilsner Pinquins	24	20
10. Pet Shop	24	20
11. Best of Breed	22	22
12. Clayton Cavaliers	22	22
13. O My Mi	20	24
14. And I do windows	19½	24½
15. Strike Force	18½	25½
16. Hanna's Sisters	18	26

17. Park Bowl	18	26
18. Underpinnings	16	28
19. Alcatraz Federal BBS	15	29
20. Capricorn Coffee	14½	29½
21. Bloomin' Flowers	13½	30½
22. Pilsner Pin-Ups	10	34

WEDNESDAY TAVERN GUILD LEAGUE		
	W	L
1. Pendulum Pandas	30	10
2. Bow-K	28	12
3. Pilsner Quackers	27½	12½
4. Pilsner Pinguins	27	13
5. Leftovers	26	14
6. Pendulum Pieces	25½	14½
7. Rams Head Bar	24	16
8. Pilsnerds	23	17
9. Pilsner I	22	18
10. Play with it, LTD	20	20
11. 9 Eyes Only	20	20
12. Park Bowl	19	21
13. All American Bowlers	19	21
14. Pilsner Easy Pickup	18	22
15. Rams and Ewe	18	22
16. Gutter Girls	18	22
17. Schmidt & Schmidt	15	25
18. S.F. Eagle	15	25
19. D.K. Unmentbls	15	25
20. Pilsner Pntiss Sisters	12	28
21. Gallen	11	29
22. Bedrockers	5	35

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# Clash Of The Titans

## Vanna Will Remember 'The Catch'

by Lauren Ward

The top four teams of the S.F. Pool Association's fall 1987 season played their final matches last Thursday. Two played for pride and two played for the City Championship.

Playing for third and fourth place in the consolation round were the Betty White Swallow, a No. 2 playoff seed, and the Park Bowl Badasses, seeded No. 4. Betty claimed third in the championship race by virtue of its 9-4 win over the Park Bowl team. Colin Bradley, David Lee, T.J. Springer, Yutaka Moriyama, Ramon Rodriguez, and Jerry Peloquin made up the White Swallow team. Lynn Westhoven, Chuck Numbers, Kelvin Roberts, and Hugh Fontain represented the Badasses.

That same night at DeLuxe, the Ducks were hosting the Vanna White Swallow in the third, tie-breaking match to determine the City Championship. It was probably the most dramatic, hard-fought contest I've ever seen in the last 16 Championship series I've been witness to.

The series started on Dec. 10 when the White Swallow team won the first match by a 9-6 score. On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the Ducks faced elimination, down 1-4 in the race to 9. Two of their losses were to consecutive table-runs from the break by Vanna's Jim Russo. The Ducks then caught fire and reeled off eight wins in

a row to deal the Vanna's a 9-4 defeat, forcing the tie-breaking match.

DeLuxe hosted the final match and broke out to a lead in the first quarter with wins by Lauren Ward, E.Z., and Lisa Duncan. Walter Moreira then won for Vanna for a 3-1 DeLuxe lead.

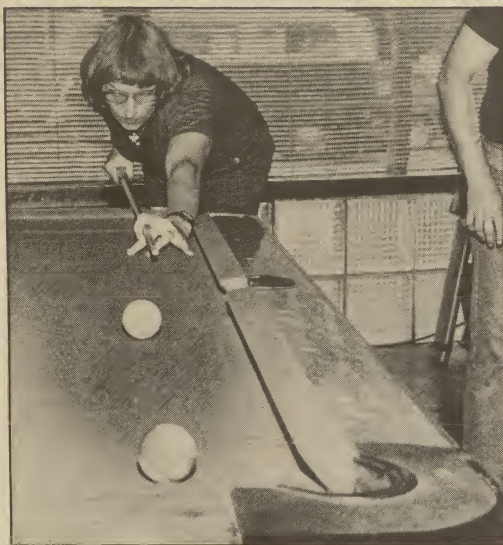
The second quarter saw Rick Mariani benefit by E.Z.'s 8-ball scratch, followed by wins from Jim Russo and Walter. E.Z. then won the eighth game for a 4-4 tie at the half.

In the third quarter the win pendulum swung back and forth as Jim won game #9, Ward #10, Rick won #11, and Ron Barulich won #12 to tie the match again at 6-6.

Now the Championship was a race to three, and E.Z. put the Ducks ahead after a marathon game of strategy with Walter that had many of the onlookers perplexed. Jim Russo then came through with his third win of the night for Vanna, again tying the match, 7-7.

In the 15th game Ward had run out her last four balls and had a good position on the 8-ball. Shooting softly to avoid a possible cue-ball scratch, her heart dropped when the 8-ball nestled in the pocket and hung there.

Bill Kazee stepped quickly to



Lauren Ward

(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

the table to pocket his last two balls and tap in the "8" for the 8-7 Vanna lead.

Rick Mariani broke in the 16th game with a chance to win the match. He subsequently made the mistake of allowing his opponent a turn at the table. Ron Barulich underscored his claim to the nickname, "Iceman" as he ran out the table for the win and a 8-8 tie.

Now the Championship was a race to one and neither team hesitated in its choice of a representative. E.Z., winner of three individual titles this season, would play Jim Russo, whose grace under pressure seems effortless.

on the 8-ball for Jim.

Jim had to sink the 8 now or almost certainly lose. Even though it was a couple of inches from the corner pocket, his best chance was the side pocket bank. He's the only player I know who would approach this shot as casually as he did. He stepped to the table, called the pocket, and shot. The ball made a beeline for the heart of the pocket and the match was over.

If the 49ers have "The Catch," then Vanna can always remember "The Shot."

The two teams played a total of 77 games over the season and playoffs and the Ducks may find some solace in having bested the champs, 42-35. We congratulate Vanna White Swallow and wish them the best of luck in representing San Francisco at West Coast Challenge XVI in Long Beach, Jan. 8-11.

Also competing at WCC XVI are our top four individuals, E.Z., Lisa Duncan, Jim Russo, and Walter Moreira. Representatives in the first women's competition will be Fran Herman, Torri Connelly, Lauren Ward, and either Karen Brandman or Ramona DiMarco as an alternate for Lisa.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 5: Awards Party, upstairs at Amelia's, 7:30 p.m.

Jan 8-10: WCC XVI.

Jan. 12: Hi-Lo Partners' Tournament, Park Bowl, 7:30 sharp.

Feb. 2: Spring '88 Sponsor fees due.

Feb. 9: Spring Season opener.

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## Bowling

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Monday TG Trios, George Yessowitch (149), bowling on the same team with his wife Elizabeth had high game with a 246. TGL 215+ games: Tom Sipple (192) 238, Pat Conlon (179) 235, Tim Hagerman (167) 229, Tim Mulvenon (175) 227, Kevin Ahart (179) 222, Don Gambell (165) 222, Angelo Maggio (189) 220.

Honorable mention (160 and under average): Ken Delong (159) 211, John Glynn (160) 205, Frank

(Alexis Romeo (143) 202, Ed Hamm (160), Ralph Osborn (131) 200.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Steve Perger on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Steve had been a member of the Wednesday Tavern Guild League for the past five years. At the family's request please make all donations to Open Hand, Shanti or the AIDS Foundation.

Peace and Joy be with you and your... uh... shoot, I'm just too darn tired tonight to think up some schmaltzy holiday greeting. Merry Christmas.

## Our Richard: A Writer/Athlete

by Will Snyder

Chuckles were heard everywhere in the Bay Area this past weekend when the 49ers got some revenge on their real enemies. No, they weren't the New Orleans Saints or the Chicago Bears. They were the sports writers who, the Niners say, constantly misquote them and constantly show they don't know anything about being an athlete.

We can report proudly, however, that not every sports writer seems to fill the stereotype of the professional sports writer who can't run because the bottle gets in the way. Take our B.A.R. sports staff, for example.

Lauren Ward shoots a mean game of pool. Go out some time and catch Rick Thoman on the track or Hal Herkenhoff in the swimming pool or Les Balmann on the tennis courts. And, if you're ever in the Pilsner, catch Richard McPherson as he prepares to go bowling.

You can be rest assured that if Richard has a headache or isn't

"in the mood," then it's time to follow The Bard of Bowling to Park Bowl. He's dynamite when he's difficult.

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, Richard struck gold, but only after he tried to back out of bowling with the Pilsner Quackers. "I told several guys that I didn't feel like bowling," Richard related. "I had a headache and my energy level was low."

But Richard dragged himself to Park Bowl. The results were something. After games of 236, 254 and 233 (a 723 series!), Richard may try and think himself into a headache every time he goes bowling.

Now some of you may think we're bragging (and we are), but those of you familiar with bowling know just how difficult a 723 series is. This writer, for example, would love a 500 series, let alone a 700. This writer is also a realist.

So, enjoy your 723, Richard. Bufferin probably will never have you endorse their aspirin, but the Quackers must prevail!

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## BOOKS

### Aids and the Law

**AIDS and the Law: A Guide For The Public**  
 Edited by Harlon Dalton, Scott Burris  
 and The Yale AIDS Law Project  
 Yale University Press—Paperback

by Frank Howell

Charles Dickens once remarked that, "The law is an ass." Certainly this is true in our own time as we see with the Supreme Court decision on sodomy. These rulings frequently reflect large helpings of prejudice connected by meager portions of case law and human reason.

Only in recent time have gay attorneys been able to build up some credible legal precedence based on homophobic cases. AIDS has accelerated the process. Law affects numerous areas of AIDS concern.

The good people at the Yale AIDS Law Project have compiled a comprehensive roundtable of views on the legal quandaries revolving around AIDS.

After a clear-cut introduction to our heritage of complex jurisprudence, *A Little Law For Non-Lawyers* by Scott Burris, we are given basic background on the medical aspects of AIDS.

In *Traditional Public Health Strategies*, Larry Gustin analyzes and explains the structure of the public health system and the various measures that are used to control disease. He concludes that respect for civil liberties and "voluntary risk reduction" is far more effective than punitive measures.

John Decker concludes that female prostitutes are not a significant source of AIDS infection (*Prostitution As A Public Health Issue*). These women are well aware that in order to stay in business they must protect themselves.

Male hustlers pose a far greater threat to health because of the greater number of contacts. But much less is known about this type of prostitution.

Decker feels licensing is the best procedure to follow. We should follow the lead of Nevada and West Germany.

Education is emerging as one of the really explosive issues in the struggle against AIDS. Jane Aiken points out in her sagacious article, *Education As Prevention*, that gays have already acquired enough useful information and now need positive role models and detailed facts about safe sex in down-to-earth language.

Condom ads are now common in England, Denmark, Italy and Germany, but not here. The Reagan Administration has seen to it that safe sex is taught by "Inference rather than by any display of the anogenital area." Local review boards have been established to censor materials. The Puritans seem to be winning the education battle.

Employers are becoming increasingly aggressive about screening employees for AIDS. Some companies even want to test for future illnesses. Fortunately employers who attempt to utilize AIDS results can now be sued. The courts are increasingly embroiled in such disputes. Arthur Leonard, in *AIDS In the Workplace*, cites an incredible

case in Fayette County, Ohio:

The county health commissioner . . . received an anonymous note stating that an employee of a local restaurant had AIDS. The commissioner then forwarded the note to the owner of the restaurant, who read it aloud at a meeting of restaurant employees. The employee, with twenty-two years of service, was fired."

So much for protection of confidential information!

In *The Right To Medical Treatment* by Taunya Banks, we learn that a doctor is not legally bound to treat patients. But when the situation is confronted by an HMO (health maintenance group such as Kaiser) the results are more complicated. How can an entire hospital system refuse to treat an AIDS patient?

Insurance companies are itching to test gays for AIDS (*Insurance* by Mark Scherzer). But we can really make the business establishment nervous by suggesting that the cost be spread among all insurance corporations. Or perhaps a government subsidized pool should cover AIDS patients. Does this sound like socialized medicine?

The military presents an agonizing challenge to gay rights lawyers. The Armed Forces function as a law unto themselves, exempt from the normal regulations of society. All American courts automatically defer to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The defense establishment has been officially anti-gay since 1943.

Thus, it is no surprise that, as Rhoda Rivera reminds us, in *The Military*, that confidential information about AIDS is not honored. The civilian blood banks have encountered difficulty with the military mentality.

There is the tragic case of Michael Foster, a soldier who tested positive for the disease. He was sent to Walter Reed Hospital for further analysis. The staff proceeded to verbally abuse him and Foster committed suicide.

The gay prisoner faces an equally harsh life when he contracts AIDS. In New Jersey, according to Urvashi Vaid (*Prisons*), AIDS prisoners are chained to their hospital beds and denied visits from relatives.

Blacks with this modern plague receive little help from their communities because of an emphasis on macho values. (*Black Community* by Wayne Greaves). White doctors who attempt to sound the alarm to blacks are accused of racism.

High stress and the abundance of drugs among many blacks also increases the problem.

Gay law students and other interested parties will find much useful material and food for thought in this valuable anthology. *AIDS and The Law* should not be overlooked when doing research.

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## Kane Strikes Again

**Lethal Silence,**  
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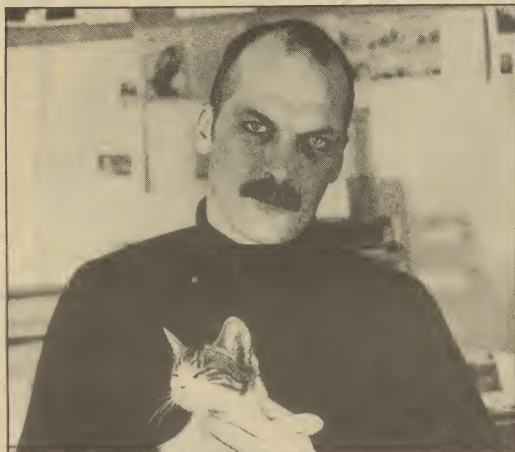
by Paul Reed

**T**his sixth installment in the popular series of gay action novels called *The Mission of Alex Kane* is perhaps the best written of the bunch. Here John Preston shows once again that a brief entertaining story can both instruct and affirm our gay pride—at the same time.

One of the heroes of *Lethal Silence* is a gay man confined to a wheelchair. In the course of the story, he not only comes out of the closet, but finds a boyfriend from the college football team, and assists in overcoming an anti-gay plot devised by a team of mercenaries intent on disrupting a gay pride march in Chicago. This lends the story an interesting insight into the special problems borne by disabled gays and lesbians—something I found instructive.

Readers familiar with the Alex Kane series will find everything here that they expect—fast action, hunky men with impeccable gay consciousness, and imaginary vengeance taken against homophobes. Preston devises a suspenseful plot that unwinds with dramatic twists and turns, while developing likable characters.

All in all it's a good read—short, but fun. ●



John Preston

(Photo: R. Lambert)

## Come On By And GAWK

The Gay Artists and Writers Kollektive (GAWK) is having a party at the Walt Whitman Bookstore, 2319 Market Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m. The party will include Daniel Curzon reading from his upcoming book, *Dropping Names*, poetry by Michael Massing, transsexual cabaret star Bambi, plus excerpts from a documentary video by Rach Cztar featuring John Sugar.

The Gay Artists and Writers Kollektive wants DJs, chanteuses, starlets, musicians, media nuts, far-outs, and burned outs, a healthy balance of young turks and the old guard for future get-togethers.

For any information about GAWK, write Jon Sugar at 170 6th St., San Francisco, CA 94103 or call (415) 431-2527. ●

## Practical Aid And Comfort

**Integrated Identity for Gay Men and Lesbians: Psychotherapeutic Approaches for Emotional Well Being**  
Edited by Eli Coleman  
Harrington Park Press, \$17.95

by Marv. Shaw

**G**etting the gay head together is still a daunting task, trying to do it alone can be very difficult, sometimes futile. But there is expert help, and here, Eli Coleman gathers 21 essays that show how diversified and practical that assistance is.

By "Integrated," Coleman and his contributors mean "the incorporation of the public and private identities in a single, unified self." In four sections—Identity Formation, Relationship Concerns, Family Conflicts, and Special Problems—the newest analyses and treatments of the difficulties gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals are spelled out. While the style is sometimes immediately clear only to professionals, most statements are clear to any literate person.

Coleman himself, in the lead piece "Assessment of Sexual Orientation," sets the progressive tone by explaining how the old, rigid homo-hetero-bi classifications will no longer do. Even the pioneering 0-6 scale of Kinsey is now inadequate, with more finely differentiating models utilizing "pie portions" of a circle taking their place as the more truthful and practical ways of understanding the sexual self.

Recurring frequently with all the new insights and methods are the problems we have all learned are basic. Internalized homophobia is cited again and again, with both sexes, all ages, and relationships. But reduction and elimination of such problems can be accomplished by contemporary and refreshing means. For instance, in "Ericksonian Hypnosis and Strategic Interventions for Sexual Orientation Confusion," Timothy Wolf and Fritz Klein demonstrate how techniques of metaphor, utilizing resistance, anchoring and synesthesia have been effective.

Some articles seem rather narrow and special. For example,

"Helping Gay Fathers Come Out to Their Children" by Edward Dunner, applies to only a small number of gay men, but think what this experience means to those men! Similarly, the theories and practices of some therapists are unique and possibly quirky to some. For instance, Andrew Mattison and David McWhirter apply their six stages of gay male relationship development in their "Stage Discrepancy in Male Couples." But this kind of realization could mean the saving of a gay union for many pairs.

Probably the most important piece, in terms of the terrible need for it and its application to large numbers of us now, is "AIDS, Sexuality, and Sexual Control" by Michael Quandland and William Shattle. The basis was the authors' group work with gay men to change unsafe practices with large numbers of contacts to safe practices with fewer partners.

In it the authors state, "If the AIDS crisis can be seen as having any positive consequences at all, one is in relation to this new, forced, self-examination and recognition of the difficulty in effecting desired changes in sexual attitudes and behavior."

Quandland's circular diagram of unwise behavior and resulting ill feelings illustrates strongly the psycho-sexual trap that uncontrolled sexual activity can produce. But the authors are also careful not to condemn *sex per se*, and they emphasize that difficulty with sexual control is not necessarily neurotic.

While this book's primary audience is the care givers for lesbians and gay men, we all can benefit a lot from it. In a day when we are doubly threatened—by a plague and a socially reactionary political establishment—we deserve all the practical aid and comfort we can get. ●

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## Rediscover Your Humor

What does laughter have to do with AIDS? "Healing Your Amuse System," a workshop for activating humor in the treatment of AIDS and ARC, will be presented by the San Francisco School of ReMirthing on Sunday, Jan. 17 from 1-4 p.m. at Quan Yin Acupuncture Center, 513 Valencia Street, S.F. Cost is \$10 and no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

"Humor is about sudden shifts in perspective, where truth is revealed in a surprising way," says workshop leader Lynn Grasberg. "The presence of AIDS in our community has made us all face our mortality. We can use this realization to worry ourselves sicker or to find the edge of perspective that allows us to laugh. This is a very important part of taking charge of our own health."

Grasberg, a music therapist and performer, leads workshops with her comedy partner, Lee Glickstein. "People think that developing a sense of humor is a trivial thing to do," says Glickstein. "Actually, there's a fine art

to allowing the world to be funny to you, while it is relatively easy to be serious."

In *Anatomy of an Illness*, Norman Cousins documented the usefulness of laughter as a tool in his recovery from what he was told was a terminal illness. He is currently involved in research to measure the physiological benefits of laughing. Says Grasberg: "This is a great joke to some of us who laugh as much as possible and notice that we feel better because of it."

"However, in a world suffering from 'Serious Adult Syndrome (SAS)' you need to collect serious adult statistics to convince people of the usefulness of laughing and playing. 'The SED rate shifted X number of points before and after giggling, and X number of points after guffawing.' Great!"

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## A Splendid Legacy of Art

**Duncan Grant and the Bloomsbury Group**  
by Douglas Blair Turnbaugh  
Lyle Stuart/A Mario Satori Book \$18.95

by Marv. Shaw

It would have been quite enough to chronicle the life and achievements of an artist who lived to be 93 and had two intense periods of celebrity, but Turnbaugh has done much more by placing his subject in that group of Bohemian intellectuals and creators known as the Bloomsburyites. Rocketing out of the Victorian period, these brilliant rebels made their careers on their startling originality and their lives on their bisexual ricochets.

A handsome, charming Cambridge educated painter, Duncan Grant, evolved his personal artistry from the Post Impressionism that just preceded him, taking from it the decorative elements that continued to please him and adding his personal visions and techniques to form works of great originality. His first period of fame was the second and third decades of this century; then, after considerable neglect in the Thirties through the Fifties, he experienced a revival in the Sixties and Seventies.

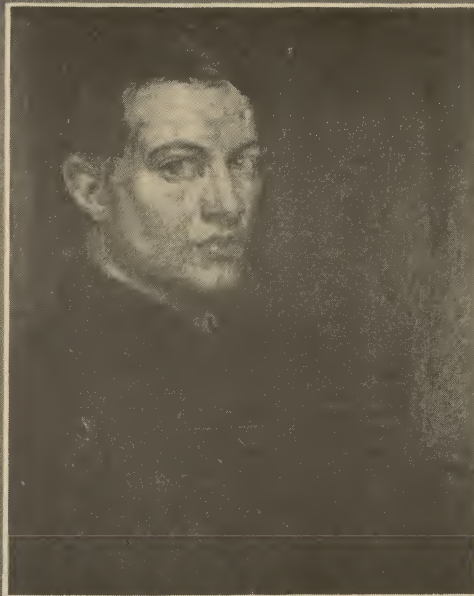
Now, almost ten years after his death, Turnbaugh places Grant in the milieu most natural to him, those free-flowing congeries of motley eccentrics who somehow found the West Central London neighborhood around the British Museum congenial to their spirits.

These men and women were quite various. Lytton Strachey transformed biography from a subsidized puff to penetrating analysis. Virginia Woolf, in her fiction, made the interior depiction of personality more real than naturalistic exteriors. John Maynard Keynes became the most influential economist of his day. And those are only the best known.

Their love lives were tempestuous, even more so than the Romantics, because the Bloomsburyites' bisexuality made them both heterosexual partners who became parents and gay mates who got sensual charges—and often, especially with Grant—artistic drive from their liaisons. But of course there was a price for these mad games. Duos and triangles and even more complicated arrangements constantly formed, broke up, and re-formed in different configurations. The flux was often agonizing.

Grant was probably the most typical. Anchored for the greater part of his life to Vanessa Bell, herself a painter and sister to Virginia Woolf, he found in her an artistic companion who gave him great security. But his roving eye and charming approach brought him a dizzying succession of short and long-term affairs, most of which Vanessa knew about and tolerated. Some,

## DUNCAN GRANT and THE BLOOMSBURY GROUP



### AN ILLUSTRATED BIOGRAPHY by Douglas Blair Turnbaugh

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indeed, were casual pick-ups who could have caused him considerable trouble, but miraculously, didn't.

But one of particular importance outlasted Vanessa. On an evening in 1946, while crossing Piccadilly Circus, Grant met Paul

Roche. Though Grant was 61 by this time and Roche was in his early 20s, there was an almost immediate rapport, and from that day the young man, who also forged a career as a poet, became indispensable to the artist. Though Roche was basically straight, eventually to marry and father four children, his devotion to Grant was steady, and the old man's last refuge was with his young lover.

Turnbaugh's style is terribly plain and matter-of-fact. At first, it seems merely dull, but soon the reader catches on to the cool, deadpan recitation and realizes that it accentuates the comic eccentricity of these people and their events. An example is this brief sketch of Grant's Uncle Trevor: "He read practically all night, and Mrs. Masters, his housekeeper, gave him a sort of breakfast-lunch at about twelve or one. When he was not reading, he used to play the cello for hours together. He was very flirtatious with his Strachey nieces, and is remembered with his hand nearly always around Pippa's waist. Uncle Trevor was killed by a bear."

But this stylistic treatment is not the hallmark of the book. Turnbaugh is much more sympathetic than that. In fact, he has written an appreciation of a sweet, highly attractive gay man who has left us a splendid legacy of art for our continuing delight.

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